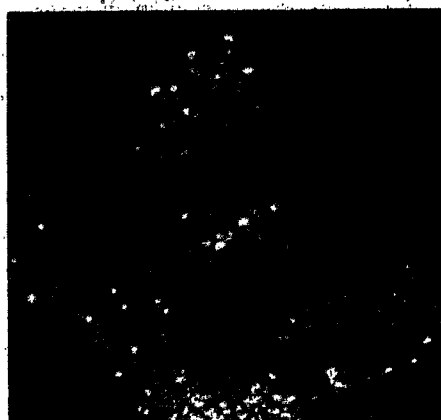


Party on at the Palace in the Pass

The siege is over – for now – as long-stormed Palace gets a reprieve.

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The Krewe's 36th annual Mardi Gras Bal Masque, 'Music, Music, Music.'

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Not okay bayou



Petty Officer Manny Padrone, left, Petty Officer Eric Nolte and Chief Patrick Cuty, of the U.S. Coast Guard's New Orleans-area Marine Safety Office, check out a derelict vessel Friday at Bayou Caddy.

U.S. Coast Guard increases efforts to clean up around Bayou Caddy

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

If it isn't an okay bayou, it isn't okay by them.

The Pollution Response Team from the U.S. Coast Guard's New Orleans-area Marine Safety Office was back at Bayou Caddy last week, cleaning up and taking names.

"This is the most polluted area that we cover, all the way from Houma, La. to Long Beach, Ms.," USCG Chief Patrick Cuty said Friday. "And that's saying something."

Coast Guard response team officers began a long-term, intensive effort to clean up Bayou Caddy last November. Petty



The area around the old Bayou Caddy casino site has become a dumping ground for trash, debris and waste oil, USCG officers say.

Officer Eric Nolte said at the time that the area had virtually become a dumping ground for derelict vessels and dumped fuel.

The clean-up efforts even led the team earlier this month to issue temporary shut-down orders for Terry's Seafood and Bayou Caddy Fisheries until both

operations installed better fuel and waste-containment systems. The owners of both businesses have complied, and Bayou Caddy Fisheries is already back in operation. Terry's Seafood should be open again soon, Cuty said.

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Hancock deputies make I-10 coke bust

Garber: Street value could be as much as \$250,000

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Deputies from Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber's newly-formed Narcotics Division last week seized more than five-and-a-half pounds of cocaine after making a routine traffic stop.

Narcotics Division Director Matt Karl said Deputy Abe Long, working Traveling Criminal Apprehension Patrol, spotted a Chevrolet Sierra pick-up traveling east on I-10 at about 11:30 Thursday evening. Long stopped the vehicle because it had no tail lights, Karl said.

Long said Friday that the driver, José Luis Zaulala Panalaza, began acting nervous, so the deputy asked if he could search the vehicle. Long's "partner" is Shadow, a K-9 unit-in-training. Shadow got a "hit" on the truck's engine, and Long said that scratch marks on the intake manifold led him to believe it had recently been replaced. He called Lt. Jim



H.C. Sheriff's Dept. Narcotics Division Director Matt Karl said Thursday's bust netted more than five pounds of cocaine, with an estimated value of \$60,000-\$70,000 in its raw form.

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Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher. Karl, Deputy Abe Long, Shadow, Sheriff Steve Garber, Lt. Jimmy Esposito, Dax and Deputy Matt Sekinger.

Bay High goes to the play-offs

The Bay High Girls soccer team won the district Friday night against Picayune 2-0, led by Jessica Hardie and Katie Fillingame. The girls will square off at home against Gautier Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the play-offs.

Krewe of Kids seeks royalty

Captain Lisa Cowand is accepting nominations until Jan. 30 for King and Queen of the Krewe of Kids. Cowand said this year's parade will kick off Saturday, Feb. 9, beginning at 11 a.m. at the North Bay Elementary School on Dunbar Avenue.

Nominations should be sent to Lisa Cowand at 1005 Dunbar Ave., Bay St. Louis, Ms. 39520.

Applicants for King and Queen are asked to submit some background on the nominees, along with a recent color photo. Ages of applicants can range from five to 12 years.

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Kodie's fracas triggers court action

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A Kilmán has filed suit against the Hancock County Sheriff's Department for failing to accompany him to pick up a paycheck at Kodie's Junction.

Richard DeYarmett is being represented by Gulfport attorney Andrew C.

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Echo staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter. Mamie and Mark Mitchell set up a candlelight memorial Wednesday in honor of their son, Mark, who died two years ago in an apparent hit-and-run.

Family's candlelight vigil marks son's tragic death

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

One more year has passed, marking the second anniversary of 18-year-old Mark Mitchell's death. One more year without any answers, say Mark's parents, Mamie and Mark Wayne Mitchell. The family held Hancock County Sheriff's another candlelight vigil on Wednesday night in honor of



Mamie Mitchell

their son.

Mark Mitchell was found dead on Lakeshore Rd. on Jan. 23, 2000, the apparent victim of a hit and run. He was riding his bicycle to the store, his parents say, and never got there.

Chief Investigator Bob Lambert, at the Hancock County Sheriff's

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Palace in the Pass can party on

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The Pass Christian Board of Aldermen has ruled the Palace in the Pass is lawfully operating, and can continue hosting parties and other events on historic E. Scenic Drive.

The unanimous decision by the five-member board was the climax of a three-hour public hearing Wednesday night at City Hall. A crowd of more than 100 packed the meeting chamber, and some people stood in the back of the room because there weren't enough chairs for them.

The public hearing was ordered by Circuit Court Judge Jerry Terry after Palace owners, P.J. Hughes and her son Randy Tuggle, appealed a decision made more than a year ago by the city's Zoning Board of Adjustment. That five-member body ruled 3-0 that the Palace was in violation of the zoning ordinance because it was operating a business in what is primarily an historic residential area.

The owners of the Palace contended the VFW operated out of the building since the 1970s, ran a beer bar on a daily basis, and rented out the hall for wedding receptions and other social functions. They said before they purchased the building, they were told the non-conforming status granted the building for the VFW's use transferred with the sale of the property.

At first, Mayor Billy McDonald and the Pass Board of Aldermen told the Palace owners they were unable to hear their appeal directly. The city officials thought the zoning board was autonomous, and its decisions could only be overturned or upheld by the circuit court. However, Terry disagreed, and sent the matter back to the board for a public hearing.

Wednesday night's hearing took on all the trappings of a full-scale court trial.

Attorneys for the owners and the plaintiffs were allowed to enter several documents into the record. They were also allowed to make opening and closing statements and to call witnesses. Audience members were then allowed to speak, but were asked to limit their comments to two minutes each. A court reporter was stationed in front of the podium to record the proceedings.

Gulfport attorney Frank McCreary III, representing the Palace owners, noted they purchased the property from the VFW in May 2000, and were assured by the sellers and city attorney (Malcolm Jones) that the non-conforming status would transfer with the sale.

Floyd Logan, another Gulfport attorney, represented plaintiffs Patricia Judice and others who either live on Scenic Drive or nearby, and in opening comments contended the entire public

hearing was illegal. He said, before the board could hold a hearing it needed to change the ordinance creating the zoning board, which gives it the sole authority on zoning matters.

Logan accused the Palace owners of deceit when they went to the city's permit office in July 2000, and received a permit to begin renovating the building as a "single-family residence." During the renovation, Logan said, Mrs. Hughes ordered three commercial stoves for the building, which indicated she planned a commercial venture.

However, when the city issued an occupancy permit for the building, Logan said it was again listed as a "single-family" residence.

Had the building been listed as commercial, Logan said, it would have been subjected to more stringent inspections for fire safety, parking requirements and for handicapped-accessibility.

McCreary called Hughes to the podium first. She testified that when she and her son moved down from Poplar Bluff, Mo., and decided to buy the building, they knew they wanted to renovate living quarters on the second floor, but they had not yet decided whether the bottom floor would be used for a reception hall or for an antique shop.

She said since the Palace has been operating as a reception hall, it has been a good neighbor. She said functions are limited to six hours and seldom go past 11 p.m. Hughes said no hard liquor is served, no cooking is done on the first floor, and she has a security guard at all functions to ensure no one parks on Scenic Drive.

Since opening, Hughes said, the Palace has hosted the garden club, volunteer firemen and others.

"We want to share it with the community at no charge, if we can," said Hughes.

She said there are eight to 10 fire extinguishers throughout the first floor, fire exits and handicapped ramps. Chuck Scarborough, post commander of the VFW, said the post formed in 1946, but did not purchase the building until 1958. He said it has been used for monthly meetings, but it was frequently rented out to various groups in order for the VFW to make money for charitable causes it helps. Scarborough added members frequented a beer bar that operated daily in the rear of the building. He said when the VFW rented out the facility, there was no restriction on where anyone

could park.

Scarborough said the VFW had been trying to sell the building for three or four years because it was deteriorating by neglect because the post did not make enough money to repair things that needed to be repaired.

"They took a deteriorating building and saved it," he said of the owners.

Margaret Jean Kalif, a former city alderwoman, told the audience she was the closest permanent resident to the Palace, and lives with her mother at 409 E. Scenic.

When the VFW was operating, Kalif said, "There was always the noise factor, the parking problem and people blocking driveways."

"Now, honestly, we don't even know when something is going on at the Palace," said Kalif. "It's quieter than at our house, sometimes."

She said the renovation of the building has increased nearby property values, and the owners "have added a lot to this community by giving us this beautiful building."

Lillian Hayden, whose parents and husband's parents were among the German immigrants who settled in Pass Christian in the 1860s, said Pass Christian does not have a facility on par with what is now the Palace.

"The full resources of the city must be used," she said. "I feel joy in the fact that this grand, old building has been restored with loving care. It's in loving hands. We need it."

Pat Mowry, who lives at 413 E. Scenic Drive, has been among those opposing the continued operation of the Palace. She remains a member of the Pass Christian Historical Commission, and once served as its chairman.

Under questioning by Logan, Mowry said she was told by the owners, the VFW would be turned into a single-family residence.

Logan contended, had the Historic Commission known otherwise, it would have gotten more involved in the project from the beginning.

Jones, the city attorney, argued that the commission's only jurisdiction involved what might happen to the outward facade of the historic building, and the argument was irrelevant.

Monica Cummings, another resident of Scenic Drive who said she lives next to the Gospel Singers of America, spoke against the Palace. She said the law clearly states once the use stops, the zoning reverts back to single-family.

Judice asked the board to listen carefully to the taped proceedings of the deliberations of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. She said the commissioners who made the decision against the Palace had a combined service of over half a century of public service to the city.

Kenny Wittman countered: "This was a derelict building before. It was costing the VFW everything they were making to keep it up. We were fixing to lose it."

Kalif's mother, Margarite, said she has lived on Scenic Drive next to the VFW for 53 years, and "every summer, we would have swarms of termites coming from the old wood."

Ward 3 Alderman Michael Antoine made a motion for the board to go into executive session at around 8 p.m.

The crowd mingled in the chamber hallway and out on the porch, then began to thin out when 15 minutes had passed. The chamber was about half-full when aldermen came out of executive session. Antoine made the motion to reverse the decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

"The board decides that the Palace in the Pass is a lawful continuation of the non-conforming use of the first floor of 401 E. Scenic Drive for receptions, parties and social gatherings," Antoine said.

The vote was unanimous, but Antoine noted the action of the board does not become official until its next regular monthly meeting, Feb. 5, when the board enters its findings and conclusions into the record.

Logan, the attorney for the plaintiffs, said he wants to see the board's reasons behind the decision before his clients decide whether they will appeal to circuit court.

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Mitchell -- vigil

Department said on Wednesday that the case is still under investigation as an accidental hit-and-run.

"How can it be an accident when the tire tracks clearly go off the road and then back on the road again," said Mark Wayne Mitchell on Wednesday.

Mitchell said that the original detective on the case, Phillip Pavolini told them that Mark's bicycle had been run over twice, once when it was on the ground.

Mamie Mitchell said that the family had not been allowed to see any of the evidence in the case, not pictures, not even their son's clothes, not anything.

"All we got was his wallet and his CD player," she said. "The CD player was missing batteries and the back cover and there was dirt inside it. We were told it was in his pocket. There was also money missing from his wallet."

"I sympathize with what the Mitchell's are going through," said Lambert. "But they should try to remember their son as he was, not as he was after the accident."

It is standard practice not to allow viewing of any evidence in an open case, Lambert said. The Mitchell's said that Sheriff Jack Strain Jr., in their native St. Tammany Parish,

told them that had the accident happened in that parish, the family would be allowed to view the evidence.

"It is only natural that we would want to see the file on this case, or Mark's clothes," said Mamie Mitchell. "We could understand not seeing the pictures. How would the parents of Hancock County feel if this was their child and they could not see the evidence."

The Mitchell's said that they were told that Mark had a black right eye, a broken nose, a bruise over the left side of his forehead and a more serious blow to the back of the head, but not another mark on his body.

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The bicycle seat was found down the road from the bicycle on the side of the road, and the body, which was six feet off the road, they said.

"Both Detective Pavolini and the district attorney told us that the bicycle looked like he had just gotten off and laid it down on the side of the road," said Mamie Mitchell.

"There were no witnesses and no evidence that we can link to anyone," said Lambert said. "We took in several cars for investigation but the crime lab investigations found nothing. We're just going to have to wait for someone to have a conscience."

Bayou -- Coast Guard

On Thursday, the Coast Guard began the crusade to remove derelict vessels from the bayou, hauling the derelict shrimp boat "Neil D" out of the water with a crane and demolishing it. The refuse was hauled away by Hardie's Trucking & Equipment.

Cuty said the Neil D's owner cooperated with the efforts.

"This thing sank four times in the last 30 days," Cuty said. "It had spilled about 150 gallons of fuel in the canal. ... The thing was so contaminated and saturated with oil, it was really just an environmental hazard."

"We told the owner you either have to take it to a shipyard, or we're going to dispose of it."

The response team returned anything salvageable to the owner.

However, Cuty said, the problem is that there are several more derelict vessels still half-sunk in the bayou, and they've been there for years.

"A dumped, abandoned vessel becomes a dump in itself," Nolte said Friday, "just a surface for people to leave more trash."

The old casino site at Bayou Caddy has also become a hazard, Nolte said: "It invites people to

come here and dump their garbage."

Not only do the derelict boats leak oil and diesel fuel into the canal and attract more trash from passing fishermen, Cuty said, they can also become flying debris if a hurricane comes through -- and a deadly hazard for the homes surrounding the bayou. There's also a problem with operational boats at Bayou Caddy, Cuty said. Some owners pump waste oil directly into the bilge, then pump the bilge directly into the canal.

Cuty said the Coast Guard has already redoubled enforcement efforts, and the owners of the

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derelict boats or new boats spilling oil or fuel into the water can and will be held liable. The first fine is \$250 per day. That doubles with each successive fine, up to a maximum of \$27,500 per day.

There is also an \$11,000 fine for intentional discharge, and the boat owner will also be charged for the cost of clean-up and could face up to five years in jail.

Cuty said people can help by simply following the law as set forth by the federal Water Pollution Control Act and reporting any environmental hazards to the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802.

Suit -- paycheck dispute

Burell, who filed the complaint in Hancock County Circuit Court.

At the recessed meeting Tuesday, county attorney Ronnie Artigues Jr., informed the board of supervisors of the lawsuit, and the board authorized Artigues to file an answer to the charges.

The suit also names as a defendant Randy Koenenn, the owner of the popular convenience store off Hwy. 603.

It alleges an altercation occurred when DeYarmett was called to help his brother, Robert, retrieve a friend's final pay check from Koenenn.

The complaint explains Robert DeYarmett asked his brother to meet him at Kodie's because "he had been previously threatened with harm by the owner of

the business." "Robert DeYarmett's request (for the check) was refused and he was subsequently assaulted, as was his brother," the suit alleges.

The complaint said DeYarmett, as well as Koenenn, both warned the sheriff's department in advance of the potentially volatile situation.

The suit contends both DeYarmettes were physically assaulted.

It accuses the sheriff's department of failure to keep the peace by not dispatching a deputy to accompany the plaintiff.

"The sheriff's department is liable for plaintiff's damages for the negligent inaction of its deputies" whose duty is to maintain peace and investigate the plaintiff's concerns," the suit

alleges.

DeYarmett is seeking a jury trial, and "compensation for present and future medical expenses, past, present and future pain and

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A plaintiff's complaint tells only one side in a legal dispute.

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Also assisting at the scene was Deputy Matt Sekinger.

After the intake manifold was dismantled, the officers found a foil-wrapped package containing more than two kilos of cocaine.

"It's worth about \$60,000 to \$70,000 as it is," Karl said.

"After it's cut and processed for distribution," Garber said, "it could have a street value of up to a quarter-million dollars."

Panaloza, 36, and his passenger, Maria Concepcion Arzate, 24, were both arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute. Both are Mexican immigrants in the country illegal-

ly, Karl said. Arzate listed a Houston address. She told officers through an interpreter that she and Panaloza were en route from Houston to Atlanta.

Both suspects are being held on \$250,000 bond, and after local court proceedings, will be turned over to the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Karl praised both the officers who made the arrests and the dogs which assisted.

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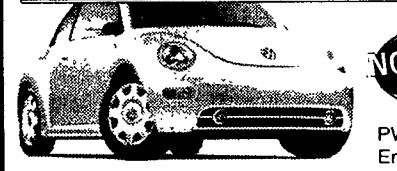
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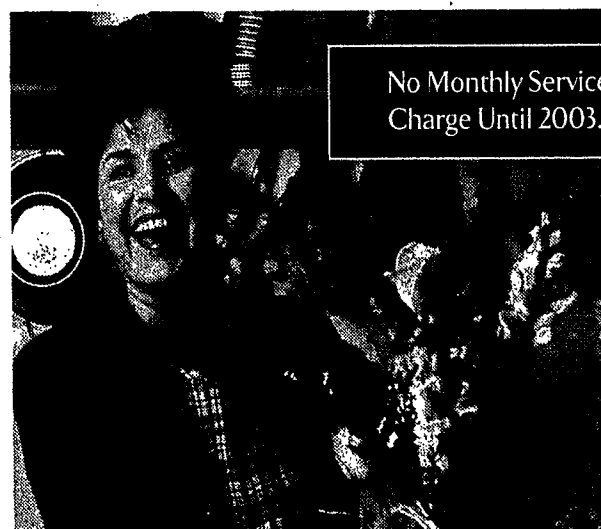
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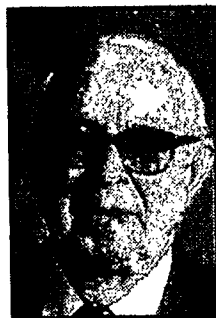
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by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

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Library functions are always well attended and provide some very good snacks and refreshments.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the After Hours. I am sure there will even be several door prizes for a few lucky folks.

This is a good time for friends to get together and also make new friendships.

Our county continues to grow, and our library system is keeping pace with the growth.

Waveland Library & Literacy Center is preparing for a very large renovation this year which will really enhance the facility.

The project is a joint effort by the library system and the City of Waveland.

The year of 2001 was a very big one for our Hancock County Library System in use and awards received for its great work in the community.

In January 2001, the Hancock County Library System received the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Community Pride Award.

Our library system was recognized nationally in September when it received the prestigious National Award for Libraries. This award was received by only three libraries nationwide.

Our own U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor of Bay St. Louis nominated the Hancock County Library System for this great award. The job our library and staff does just continues to increase.

The Summer Reading Program is always a hit with our youngsters, and this past June the Hurricane Hunters from Keesler kicked off the program at Stennis International Airport, and some 1500 persons toured the plane and exhibits on display.

I guess I can boast that even a part of me was on display during the Christmas season at the library's Holiday Tree Gala.

Keeping a local profile, the library system hosted an exhibit in February of locally-owned sculptures by Bay St. Louis native Richmond Barthé, an internationally renowned black artist.

Along with the addition to the Waveland Library, a shoo-fly around the oak tree at the Pearlinton Public Library is to be constructed this year which will give students and teachers a place to enjoy story telling.

The library's fiscal year ends on September 30, and for the year there were more than 230,000 circulation transactions, making it one of the busiest libraries in the state. The Kiln Library, which opened in April 2000, showed a 40 percent increase for the 2000/2001 fiscal year.

Our libraries are very busy, and one of the reasons is because of the entire staff and support from our political leaders and the community.

Legislative session very productive for Mississippi

The Mississippi Senate had a very productive second week as we tended to two government matters that have long needed adjustment as well as handling more routine matters.

On Thursday we approved a restructuring of the board of the Institutions of Higher Learning, commonly known as the college board.

Then Friday we came back with approval of a resolution that should bring an end to the Ayers college desegregation case — a case that has lingered in our courts for 27 years.

Thursday's resolution, SCR 522, provides for college board members to be chosen from the four new congressional districts the state will have when redistricting is completed.

The governor will still appoint board members, but he will have to choose three members from each of the

four new districts, rather than the seven congressional districts that existed in the early 1940s, as he does now.

Another change we made was reducing the term of board members from the 12-year terms they presently serve to eight-year terms.

The shorter term may help make the board more responsive to changing times, and yet still protect against any one governor from being able to load up the board with his selections.

We sincerely feel that with this new structure, all of our state's universities and colleges, especially those in the southern half of our state, will have more equal representation on the board.

The measure now rests in the House of Representatives.

On the Ayers case, we have responded to a federal

judge's suggestion that the Legislature give him an indication of how we would react to the proposed \$503 million settlement.

The House overwhelmingly approved the resolution earlier in the week and sent it to us in the Senate, where we approved it also.

As you may remember, the lawsuit was filed by the late Jake Ayers, Sr. in 1975, who claimed in the suit that the state's dual system of funding the colleges and universities was unfair and that the state should spend more money to upgrade the state's three historically black universities.

The proposed settlement will be spread out over a 17-year period, which we feel gives the state adequate time to upgrade the schools without busting the budget.

We in the Legislature felt it was time to bring this long-lasting struggle to a close and that this settlement is fair to all parties.

Another measure that quickly gained Senate approval this week when SB 2321 was approved

Wednesday.

This first bill of the requires the display of the United States flag in every classroom in the state and requires that each school day begin with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There is a clause that allows any student or teacher to "opt out" of the pledge if they object to it for religious or personal reasons.

In this time of uncertainty the nation's patriotism has surged to new peaks, and we feel that showing proper respect for "Old Glory" and knowing how to pledge loyalty to our great country is more important than ever.

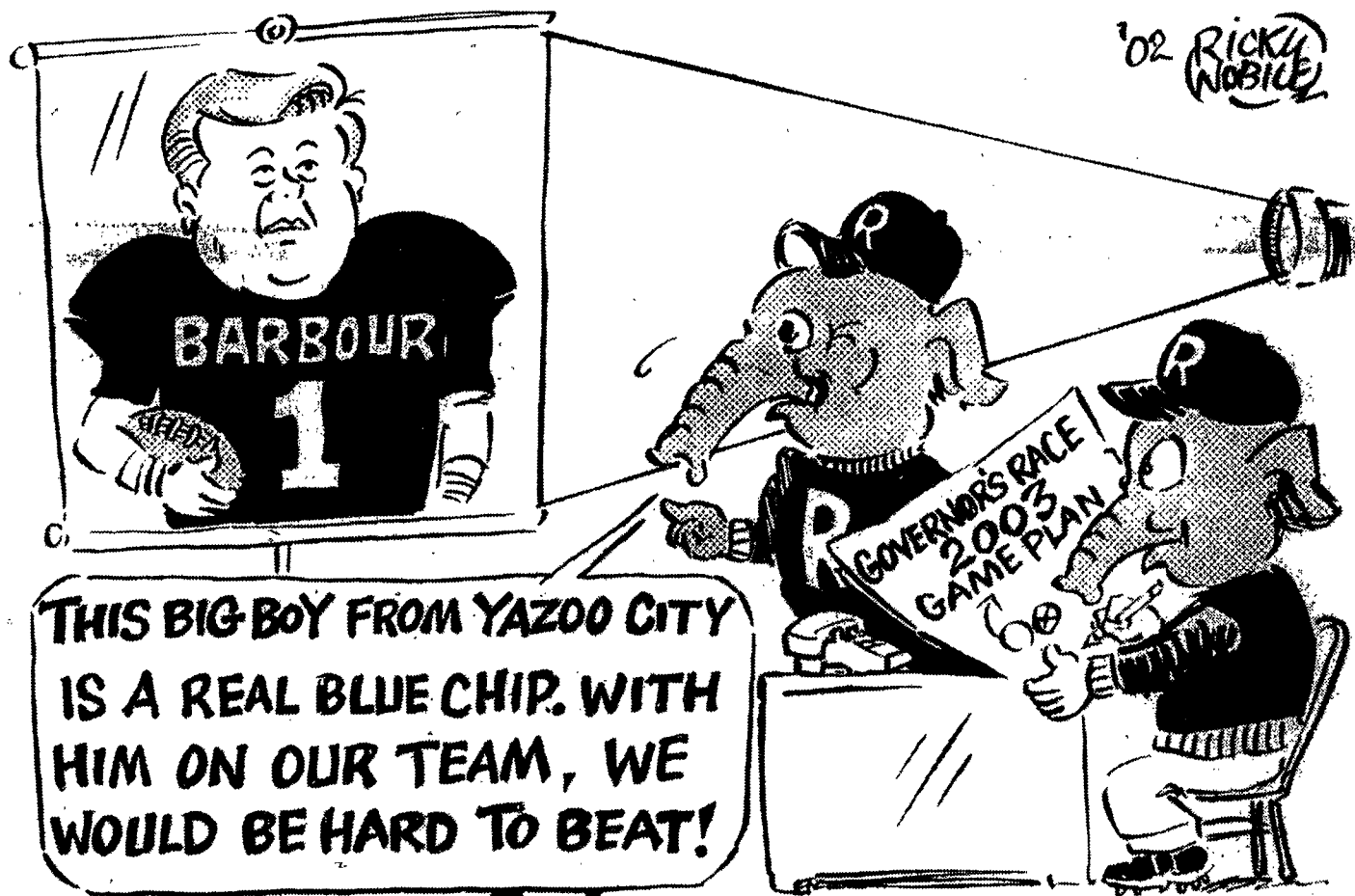
As always, I look forward to hearing from you on matters that interest you. On weekdays you can get in touch with me in Jackson at 601-359-3770 or by writing to me at P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS, 39215.

Sen. Cuevas may be reached on weekdays in Jackson at 601-359-3770 or by writing to P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215.

From the Senate

By Scottie Cuevas
State Senator

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Beach lighting spoils our tranquil environment

To the Editor:

The new beach lighting has been installed on a section of Beach Blvd. in Waveland for some time and has spoiled the tranquil environment at night.

We enjoy taking our lawn chairs to the beach at night to sit, star gaze and generally enjoy the serenity of the beach.

Since the new lights have been installed, the atmosphere is like a shopping center parking lot. The lights are excessively bright and unnatural; it is now possible to see the end of a neighbor's pier several hundred feet out into the water.

They are blinding to

motorist and joggers on the new path. Why do we need such bright lights? How much will this cost the taxpayers?

With so many people opposed to the new lighting, why does the Hancock County Board of Supervisors persist with this unwelcome project?

I would ask the Board to cancel this boondoggle and restore the old lighting to the section of Beach Blvd. from Nicholson Ave. to Coleman Ave.

Let's keep our beach as natural as possible day and night.

William McCandless, III
Waveland

Letters to the Editor

Please don't misuse Tobacco Trust Fund

Dear Editor:

In response to recent headlines regarding Medicaid shortfalls and the proposed use of the state's tobacco settlement dollars to fill the gaps, I am urging citizens to contact their legislators and tell them to say "NO" to using tobacco settlement money.

If allowed to grow and mature, the health care trust fund has the potential to provide a multi-billion dollar resource for Mississippi's health care needs.

It was established under the name of a TRUST by our legislature, and I hope each member will live up to the TRUST of the people and leave the tobacco money alone!

Mississippi's use of tobacco settlement dollars to fund youth tobacco prevention programs and establish the health-care trust fund are

shining examples for the rest of the nation to follow.

The truth is, nearly \$60 million dollars in interest from this money is already being spent on Medicaid services, including health insurance for children.

We are recognized as one of only five states that is doing the right thing with tobacco settlement money. Isn't it nice that Mississippi is finally on the map for doing good things when so many other states are squandering their money?

There must be alternatives. There must be a long-term, responsible plan that will address the state's budget needs without endangering the trust fund.

It won't be easy, but I TRUST the legislature to find other solutions.

Sincerely,
Robert N. James
Bay St. Louis

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1992: Coast supers meet to talk trash

TEN YEARS AGO

January 19, 1992 - As far as the county board of supervisors is concerned, Bayou Caddy Casino can go full steam ahead in developing a dockside gambling facility.

At the request of BCC president and CEO George Baxter, the supervisors passed a resolution 5-0 Wednesday stating they have no objections to a casino being developed at the Bayou Caddy site at the end of the beach of Lakeshore Drive. The resolution is being sent to the State Gaming Commission.

Supervisors from three counties gathered Thursday in Bay St. Louis to talk trash. Officials from Hancock, Pearl River and Stone counties met at the Hancock County Courthouse this week to discuss with Pascagoula consulting engineer Lloyd Compton new federal and state requirements for solid waste disposal.

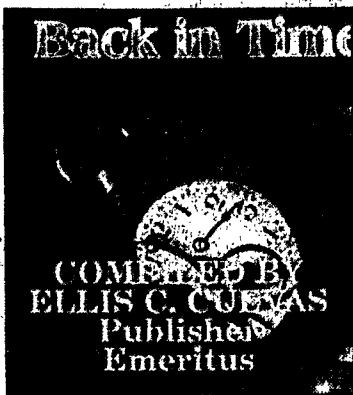
Compton, who has worked with Hancock County for the past two years on the county's application for a landfill permit at Standard, explained to the officials some of the details of Resource and Recovery Act (RCRA), Subtitle D - Non-hazardous Solid Waste.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

January 17, 1982 - (Photo) Space Shuttle Astronauts Joe Eagle and Richard Truly visited the National Space Technology Laboratories recently to thank employees for their contributions to the shuttle program.

Eagle was commander and Truly the pilot for the Columbia's history-making missions Nov. 12-14.

At NSTL the meeting included Boyce Mix, Space



Shuttle Main Engine Program resident manager, Marshall Space Flight Center; Jerry Hlass, NSTL manager; and Bob Bush, Marshall Space Flight Center Project Officer project manager.

The three main engines used on both Columbia missions last year were certified for flight at the Hancock County center.

Attempts by members of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to acquire land easements from residents living along Fire Tower Road have been met by opposition.

Many residents along the 6.6 miles of dirt road, extending from Highway 603 to Harrison County in the northern part of this county, do not feel they give the land to the county so the road can be paved and widened for drainage.

FORTY YEARS AGO

January 25, 1962 - Hancock General Hospital has been awarded first place for its public relations program during 1961 at the mid-winter conference of the Mississippi Hospital Association in Biloxi last week. Hospitals throughout the state submitted scrapbooks and displays during the public relations, and awards were made in different bed categories.

Methodist Hospital of Hattiesburg won the scrapbook division. The two-day meeting was attended by Administrator Thomas Logue, Jr., Mrs. Lewis Hart, Mrs. Majorie Hedrick, Mrs. Ida Graham and Mrs. Samatha Kellar of the local hospital staff.

Mayor John A. Scaffide will meet in Jackson today with G. D. Beard, manager of the Mississippi Automobile Club, about the American Automobile Association's recent designation of Bay St. Louis as a speed trap.

The mayor said he has invited Sheriff Gerald V. Price and W.R. Gordon, president of the Rotary Club, who learned of the listing, to accompany him.

The AAA notified Rotary earlier this month that the Bay got its classification at the request of the MSAC manager and suggested more specific information could be secured from Beard.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

January 18, 1962 - Dr. C.M. Shipp, Hancock County health officer, announces that the Mobile X-Ray Bus will be in Bay St. Louis, Tuesday, January 22. The unit will be at the City Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. During the two-hour period approximately 400 people can be x-rayed.

"Anyone wishing a chest X-ray is welcome as there is no charge," Dr. Shipp stated. All food handlers, contacts of TB cases, expectant mothers, and suspicious cases are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. There is no delay involved as it takes only a few seconds for each person, and no clothes are removed. According to Dr. Shipp, tuberculosis can only be con-

trolled by X-ray pictures and follow up treatment on proven cases.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

January 23, 1941 - Staff Sgt. James C. Roland, Jr., of 107 State St., Bay St. Louis, was recently graduated from the Officers Candidate Course No. 2 of the Quartermaster School located at Camp Lee, Va.

His commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army of the United States was presented by Major General Edmund B. Gregory, the Quartermaster General, who made a special trip from Washington for this purpose.

W.S. Goldman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Goldman of this city, was one of the fifty-eight members of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at Tulane University inducted into Class V-1 of the United States Naval Reserve, with impressive ceremonies held last Friday morning on the campus of Tulane University.

With Mr. Goldman, a member of the Naval Reserves called back into service stationed in New Orleans and a brother, Brisco Goldman in the Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, the Goldman family is certainly offering their share of the country's call for manpower.

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Bay St. Louis Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie, left, accepts a \$5,000 check for the purchase of a new safety vehicle for the department from Ron Larken, Operations Supervisor and Gary K. O'Dom, Area Manager for Hancock County's Tennessee Gas.

Tennessee Gas donates to Bay F.D.

The Bay St. Louis Fire Department has received a \$5,000 donation from Tennessee Gas, a division of El Paso Gas Corporation, for the purchase of a special operations vehicle to be used for emergency services during natural disasters and special events.

The four-wheel vehicle is commonly known as a "mule" and is capable of riding rough terrain as well as city streets and sidewalks.

The vehicle will be equipped with backboard, two fire extinguishers, first aid equipment, oxygen, and automatic external defibrillators.

"As Bay St. Louis events continue to grow in scope, number and crowd sizes, Fire Department personnel need faster and better access to accident and treatment areas," said Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie.

"Tennessee Gas offered help to our department, and we felt acquiring this vehicle was a valid, and useful request for help, serving the greatest number of people."

In 1999, the Allstate Foundation donated \$25,000 to the department to purchase a fire safety educational trailer that has served over 1,200 Hancock County children since its arrival.

It is intended that the newest safety vehicle addition will be available for use by other county departments as needed for emergencies or special events.

"Tennessee Gas is a great corporate citizen, participat-

ing in Public Safety Day presentations, hosting annual safety seminars, participating in special programs for our local schools and libraries. We truly appreciate this continued good will," said Mayor Eddie Favre.

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Obituaries

RACHAEL COLLINS MERLYN GROW EDITH MCDERMID JERRY G. MEDLEY

RACHAEL COLLINS
Rachael Leah Collins, 92, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Collins was a native of Laurel and a longtime resident of the Coast. She was a homemaker, a charter member of the Riverside Baptist Church in Pinveville/Cuevas, where she also served as Sunday School teacher and secretary/treasurer for many years. She was a member of Long Beach Senior Citizens Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James O. Collins Sr.; her parents, William and Vallie Randall; two daughters, Alice May Collins and Marjorie "Pat" Sumrall Rau; and a grandson, Richard Sumrall.

Survivors include a son,

James O. Collins Jr. of Florida; two daughters, Barbara Sellier of Biloxi and Connie Keech of Gulfport; 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday in the chapel of Riemann Funeral Home in Long Beach. Burial followed in Allen Cemetery in Long Beach.

MERLYN GROW

Merlyn "Bill" Grow, 70, of Ocean Springs, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, in Ocean Springs.

Mr. Grow was a native of Algiers and a longtime resident of Grand Isle before moving to Ocean Springs a year ago.

He was the husband of Elvie Sliger Grow; son of the late Eddie Joseph Grow and the late Jeanne Deslatte Grow; step-father of Donna Ray Merritt, Rose Ray Caballero, Linda Ray, Glenn Ray, James Ray, Thomas Ray and Blake Grow; grand-

father of 10 grandchildren; and brother-in-law of Mary Ruth Grow.

Visitation and funeral services were Saturday at Mothe Funeral Home in New Orleans.

EDITH MCDERMID

Edith B. McDermid, 79, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. McDermid was born in Biloxi and was a longtime resident of the Gulf Coast. She had received several awards as an outstanding military wife, mother and grandmother. She was Episcopalian.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin Aloysius and Mary Eliza Scarborough Yaeger; brothers Joseph B. Yaeger and James Carroll Yaeger; and a sister, Alethea Ethyl Lamey.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Jack McDermid of Pass Christian; three daughters,

June C. Glenn of Long Beach, Marjorie J. Barnett of Jacksonville, Ark. and Linda M. Ladner of DeLisle; sons John E. Dunnivant of Las Vegas, Nev. and Jack G. McDermid of Diamondhead; and four grandchildren.

The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society, 417 Security Square, Gulfport, MS 39507 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn.: Memorial/Honor Program, One St. Jude Place Building, Memphis, TN 38148-0552.

Family private services were conducted under the direction of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

JERRY G. MEDLEY

Jerry G. Medley, 75, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Boeing Rocketdyne expected to cut jobs

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

An official with Boeing Rocketdyne confirmed to the Echo Friday as many as 15 employees at the Stennis Space Center facility have been given termination notices.

Dave Geiger, site manager at Stennis, said the employees were given notice

on Jan. 4 that they may be laid off within 60 days.

Geiger said the policy is for Boeing to try to find work for the employees somewhere else around the engine testing facility, so the total terminated might not be as high as 15.

Geiger said the main reason the jobs were in jeopardy was because NASA has cut back production and testing of its main space shuttle engine.

"It's not unusual to have some kind of turnover," said Geiger. He said, last year, as

many as 53 Boeing Rocketdyne employees were sent the 60-day termination notices, but only about 10 or 12 were actually laid off because other jobs for found for them either on-site or elsewhere.

Boeing Rocketdyne has invested approximately \$11 million at Stennis to renovate 100,000 square-feet of what was dormant space at the old Army Ammunition Plant. U.S. Sen Trent Lott and others dedicated the facility in March of 2000.

When the plant opened,

officials said it would employ as many as 800 at Stennis. The work force now stands at 258, Geiger said.

Besides testing the main engine for the space shuttle, Boeing Rocketdyne at Stennis is the final assembly site for the RS-68 rocket for expendable launch vehicles.

In addition, testing is underway at Stennis on the Rocketdyne XRS-2200 Linear Aerospike Engine for the NASA X-33 reusable launch vehicle.

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"Penguins" will be the theme for the story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 10:30 a.m.

Pete the Penguin, Tacky in Trouble and White, Black the Penguin sees the World are the books to be read during the program.

Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in making Tacky the Penguin.

"Groundhog Day" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 10:30 a.m.

Groundhog Day, What Makes a Shadow and Gretchen Groundhog, It's

Your Day! are the books to be read during the program. Children will make a paper groundhog.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school-age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

International Space Station exhibit to visit Launch Pad

Beginning Jan. 30, visitors can experience life aboard the International Space Station (ISS) without leaving Earth's atmosphere.

NASA's "Space Station Imagination" traveling exhibit will be on display at the Launch Pad at the I-10 Hancock County Welcome Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 30 - Feb. 7.

The stop is the first of a national tour.

The exhibit, sponsored by Johnson Space Center in Houston and hosted by Stennis Space Center, is comprised of two 48-foot trailers that form two modules of the ISS - the habita-

tion module or "living quarters" and the laboratory module.

Guests can board the interactive exhibit, see a life-sized robotic animatron, "Astronaut Emily," and catch a glimpse of how astronauts work, eat and sleep onboard the ISS. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

For more information or to make reservations for groups, call (228) 688-2370 or 1-800-237-1821 (Option 1) in Mississippi and Louisiana, or access the StennisSphere home page on the World Wide Web at www.ssc.nasa.gov/public/visitors.

Paintings on display at Kiln

The colorful acrylic and watercolors of Sanina Loiacono are now on display at the Kiln Public Library. The display will run through the month of January.

The collection is for all ages, especially the young at heart. Loiacono studied fine arts at Newcomb College in New Orleans and worked as

an architect, oral designer and draftsman.

She is a resident of Diamondhead, and she and her husband Nick have constructed homes in Diamondhead.

More information on the display is available by calling the Kiln Public Library at 255-1724.



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Though they be dead...
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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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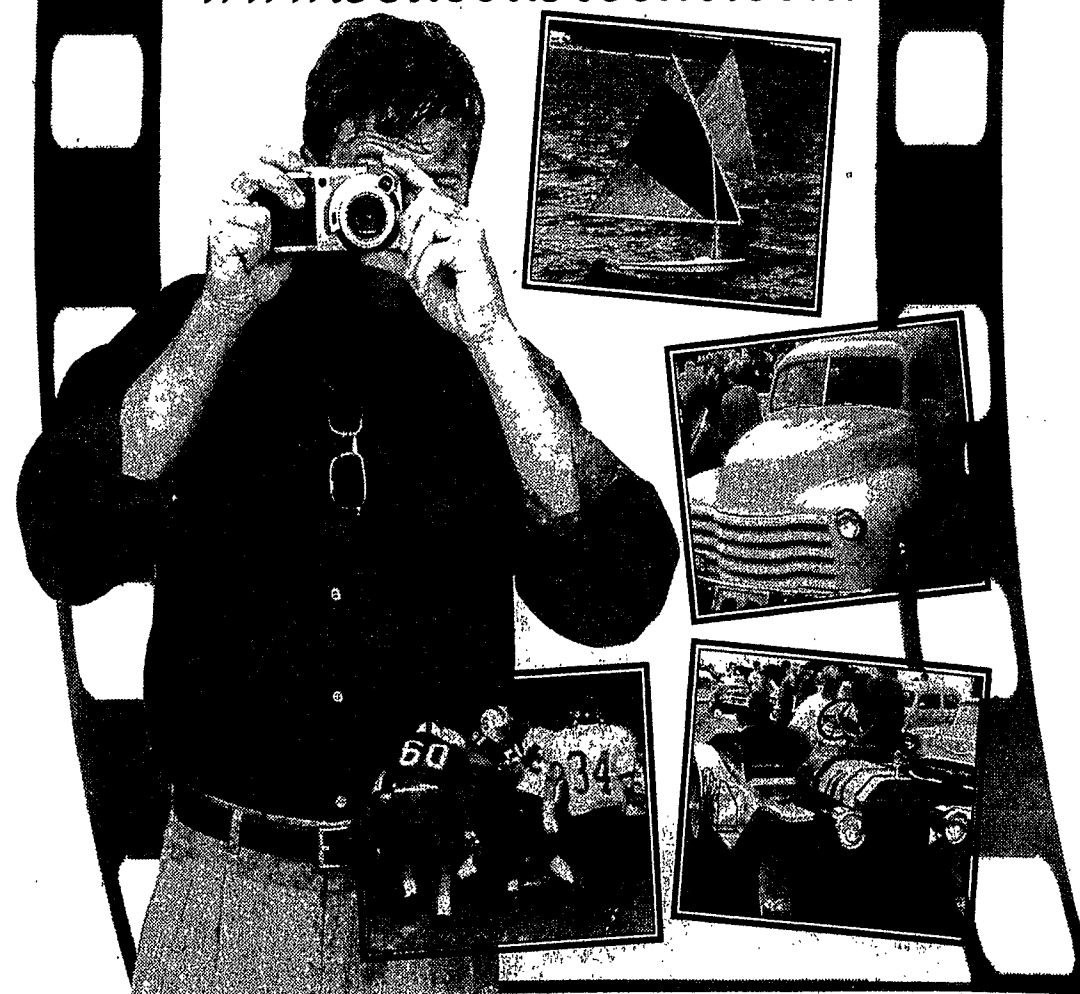
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BUSINESS NEWS

Space Shuttle astronaut presents Stennis employees with Silver Snoopy Awards

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Astronaut Dr. James F. Reilly II, a veteran of two Space Shuttle flights, presented two Stennis Space Center employees with the astronaut corps' own personal achievement award, the "Silver Snoopy," at the space center.

NASA's Richard G. Rider of Slidell and Lockheed Martin Space Operations, Stennis Program's Roland C. Vaughn of Bay St. Louis were the recipients of the awards.

The Silver Snoopy Award program was initiated 32 years ago and represents the astronauts' recognition of individuals for professional dedication and outstanding support that greatly enhance flight safety and mission success in the Space Shuttle program.

Both Rider and Vaughn were given a certificate and a silver pin actually flown aboard one of Reilly's missions, STS-89.

Rider, who has worked with NASA for 11 years, is a facilities project manager assigned to the design-engineering branch of the Center Operations and Support Directorate at Stennis.

Rider was recognized for his contributions as manager of the design, planning and construction phases of the A-2 Test Stand revitalization project. The A-2 Test Stand is where the Space Shuttle Main Engines are tested.

Vaughn, a mechanical engineer, has supported propulsion testing and engineering programs at Stennis since 1989.

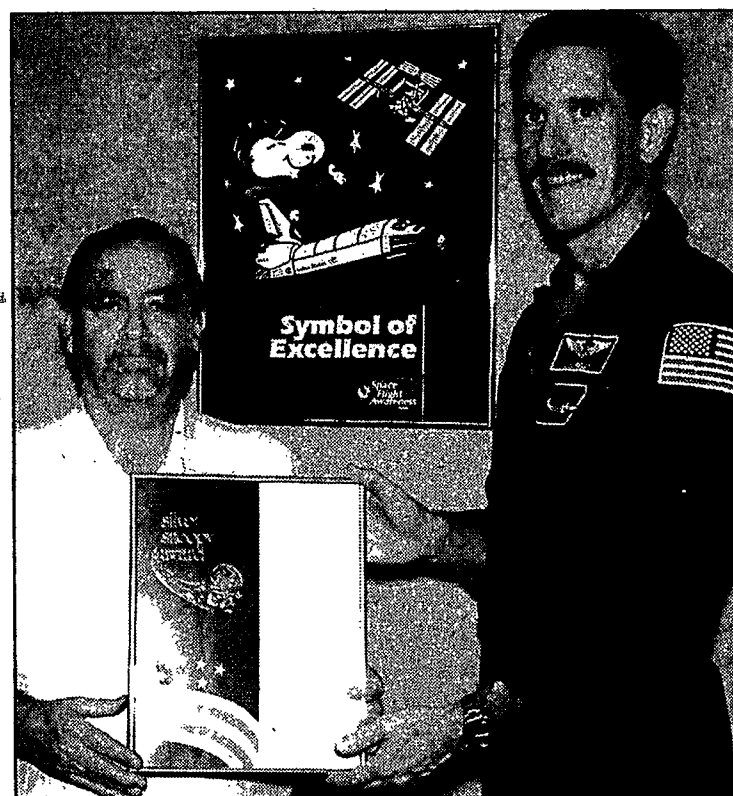
He was recognized for his accomplishments in improving the management tools for planning, costing and scheduling activities in support of the test stands which resulted in a cost-savings of more than a quarter of a million dollars in providing safer and more efficient testing.

Dr. Reilly was selected by NASA to enter the astronaut corps in December 1994, and his first trip to space was on board STS-89, Jan. 22, 1998, as the Space Shuttle Endeavour launched on the eighth Shuttle-Mir docking mission.

The flight marked the fifth and final exchange of a U.S. astronaut to the



Astronaut Dr. James F. Reilly II, left, a veteran of two Space Shuttle flights, presented Lockheed Martin Space Operations, Stennis Program's Roland C. Vaughn, right, of Bay St. Louis with the astronaut corps' own personal achievement award, the "Silver Snoopy," at Stennis Space Center. Vaughn, a mechanical engineer, has supported propulsion testing and engineering programs at Stennis since 1989. He was recognized for his accomplishments in improving the management tools for planning, costing and scheduling activities in support of the test stands which resulted in a cost-savings of more than a quarter of a million dollars in providing safer and more efficient testing. The Silver Snoopy Award program was initiated 32 years ago and represents the astronauts' recognition of individuals for professional dedication and outstanding support that greatly enhance flight safety and mission success in the Space Shuttle program. Vaughn was given a certificate and a silver pin actually flown aboard one of Reilly's missions, STS-89.



Astronaut Dr. James F. Reilly II, right, a veteran of two Space Shuttle flights, presented NASA's Richard G. Rider, left, of Slidell, La., with the astronaut corps' own personal achievement award, the "Silver Snoopy," at Stennis Space Center. Rider, who has worked with NASA for 11 years, is a facilities project manager assigned to the design-engineering branch of the Center Operations and Support Directorate at Stennis. Rider was recognized for his contributions as manager of the design, planning and construction phases of the A-2 Test Stand revitalization project. The A-2 Test Stand is where the Space Shuttle Main Engines are tested.

In addition to presenting the awards, Reilly also addressed over 300 area school children as well as employees during his visit to Stennis Space Center.

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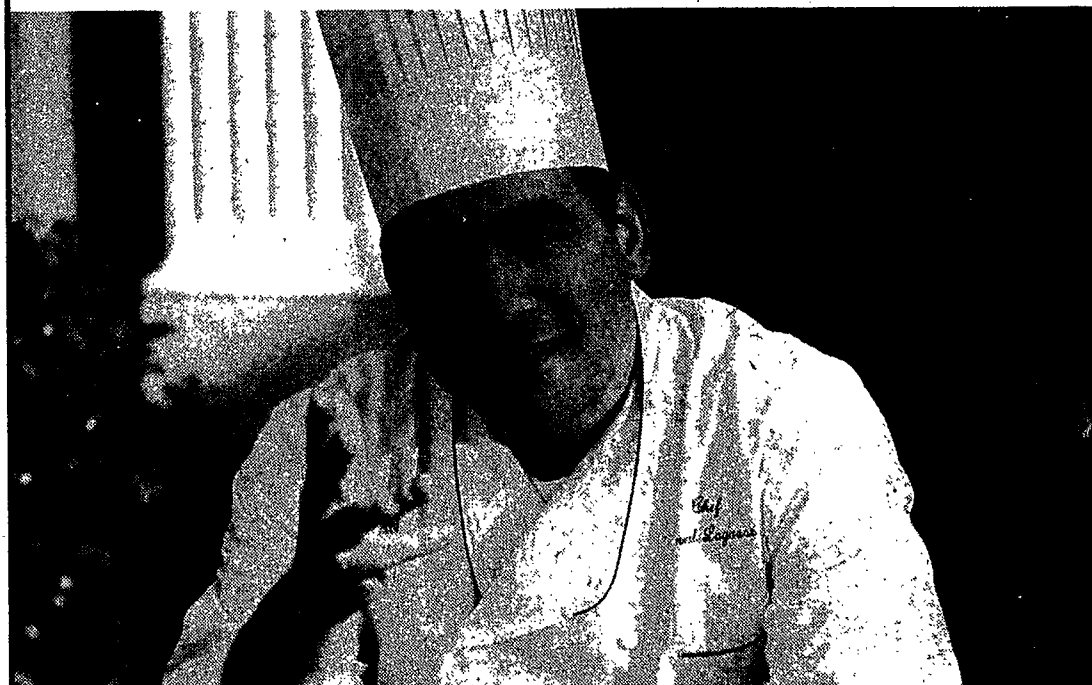
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Gulf Coast contractor names new v.p.

Roy Anderson Corp recently announced the appointment of Terry Robinson as a vice president of the company.

Robinson served as director of Business Development for the Gulfport Division for four years before being named to the new position.

He will help oversee the development of Roy Anderson Corp's offices on the Gulf Coast, in Jackson

and in Dallas, Texas.

Roy Anderson III, president of the company, said Robinson's promotion is a natural. "It just made sense that Terry would be promoted to vice president," Anderson said.

"In his four years here he's shown the vision, the hard work and the loyalty we need to help grow and diversify throughout the Southeast."

Robinson said he's grateful for the opportunity to play an even bigger role in the Roy Anderson Corp's future.

"This is an exciting move for me," he said. "I appreciate this vote of confidence and look forward to contributing to the company with my new responsibilities." Robinson, a Gulfport native, is married and has three children.

Deadline nears for governor's awards

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove established the Governor's Business and Education Achievement Awards to recognize leaders in those fields in Mississippi.

He encouraged Mississippians to provide nominations for those individuals. The deadline for nominations is January 31.

"Mississippi is blessed to have great people with great minds, and we want to recognize their efforts in moving our state forward," Musgrove said.

Awards will be presented for Large Business, Small Business, K-12 Education, and Higher Education.

Winners will be recognized at the Mississippi

Quality Awards ceremony April 19.

For more information, visit Governor Musgrove's website at

www.governor.state.ms.us.

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SMH Founders Medical Building in the Second Floor Conference Room - 1150 Robert Blvd.

Healthy Cooking with John Besh from Restaurant August 10 A.M. Restaurant August burst onto the New Orleans culinary scene in October with native son John Besh at the helm. Besh defined his Contemporary French cuisine most recently as Executive Chef at Artesia, which Gourmet Magazine honored it as one of the "Top Restaurants of America." Food & Wine Magazine named him one of the "Top 10 Best New Chefs in America." Come watch John show us how to cook food that is good for your heart as well as your taste buds!

Heart-Smart Screenings 7 A.M. - 11 A.M. FEE: \$15 We'll run a lipid blood profile, one of the most important screenings for your heart. The most heart-warming part is that it's only \$15 (a \$250 value). You must fast for 12 hours before this test.

BABY IS COMING

Preparation for Birth and Parenting
Date: Saturday, February 2, 2002
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. / Free
Place: SMH 12th St. Annex, Conference Room A

Designed for the woman who is at least six months pregnant, this monthly class offers information on prenatal testing, danger signs, common complaints of late pregnancy, labor, delivery, fetal monitoring, Cesarean birth, introductory relaxation and breathing techniques, anesthesia choices and hospital care. Early home care of the mother and infant as well as recognizing illness in the newborn will also be discussed. Pre-registration is requested. Call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8909 to register.

Our New Baby
SMH Parenting Center Staff
Date: Sunday, February 3, 2002
Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m. / Free
Place: SMH 12th St. Annex, Conference Room A
Across from the SMH Emergency Department

This class prepares children, ages 3 & up, for the arrival of their new sibling. Children will learn the importance of being a big brother or big sister. They'll learn how they can help care for the baby, tour the SMH Labor and Delivery area and make a present for the coming sibling. Parents will learn ways to prepare their children for this exciting expansion of their family. Pre-registration is required. Call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8909 to register.

Breastfeeding Clinic
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2002
Time: 7:00 p.m. / Free
Place: SMH Family Resource Suite

An informal discussion of the advantages of breastfeeding and how to get started, including how to prevent problems and what to expect in those first few weeks. New moms and second-time moms, husbands, and grandparents are welcome to attend. To register, call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8909.

Lamaze
Phyllis Novich, B.S., A.C.C.E.R.
Lamaze is a method of childbirth which prepares expectant parents mentally and physically for pregnancy, labor and the postpartum period. The ultimate goal of Lamaze preparation is a safe, positive childbirth experience. Call (985) 863-5430 to register.

The Bradley Method of Childbirth
Through its twelve goals, the Bradley Method of Childbirth prepares couples for the experience of childbirth. These goals include relaxation and breathing techniques, nutrition, and the active participation of the coach. Classes begin in the 5th or 6th month and cover all aspects of pregnancy, labor, and the postpartum period. For more information or to register for the classes, call Certified Bradley Instructors Suzanne Melhado, (985) 649-5468, or Jennifer Stevenson, (985) 643-6926.

Prenatal Exercise
This fitness course was designed and implemented with strict adherence to the guidelines published by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Individual attention and supervision are given by individuals with an in-depth knowledge of exercise and its effects. For more information and to register, call (985) 645-2955.

Breastfeeding Services
Slidell Memorial Hospital Breastfeeding Services is staffed by knowledgeable and experienced board certified lactation consultants, who can help you with common breastfeeding concerns or with difficult, challenging breastfeeding situations. The SMH Breastfeeding Services now offers Medela breast pumps for rent or purchase. For your convenience SMH Breastfeeding Services carries Medela Nursing Bras and a wide range of breastfeeding supplies. Call (985) 649-8663 or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8663, to talk with a consultant or to schedule a consultation.

PARENTING

Stop By and Learn Why Wednesdays**

SMH Parenting Center Staff
Dates: January 30
February 6, 20, 27
Times: 9:15-10:15 a.m./Birth to 12 months
10:15-11:15 a.m./13 mos to 24 mos
11:15-12:15 p.m./2 years old and up
Place: SMH Parenting Center
1340 14th Street (side entrance)
(Parking available in patient/visitor areas along 14th st.)

Due to the popularity of this program, we have expanded this support time for parents by adding an additional age group. Come meet other parents, give your child an opportunity to make friends, and get great parenting tips/support from other parents and Parenting Center Staff. This weekly program also includes informal discussions on current parenting issues, along with offering crafts, songs, holiday parties, and story-times for children. Refreshments are provided. Call 649-8529 for more information.

After Baby Comes: Food to Grow On
Taffy S. Morrison, B.S., Ed.
SMH Parent Educator

Date: Tuesday, February 5
Time: 9:30 a.m./FREE
Place: SMH Parenting Center
1340 14th St. (side entrance)

During the first year, your baby will go through three distinct developmental stages: the nursing stage, the transitional stage, and the growing up stage. Join Taffy as she discusses your infant's nutritional needs during these stages; introducing solids and finger foods; weaning; and how to make your own baby food. She will also address food allergies and your child's individual needs. This program is for parents and caregivers of children birth to 12 months. Call 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8909.

Aging The Ones & Terrific Twos: Weaning Ways

Taffy Morrison, B.S., Ed.
SMH Parent Educator
Date: Thursday, February 21
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: SMH Parenting Center
1340 14th Street (side entrance)

Pulling away from security devices can be a developmental challenge, possibly resulting in speech delays or insecurity. Mrs. Morrison will discuss ways to gently wean from bottles, pacifiers, and thumbs by replacing them with positive substitutes. Come learn techniques that will make this transitional time less stressful for you and your child. Call 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909 to register.

Slidell Mother of Twins
Date: Wednesday, February 6
Time: 7:30 p.m./FREE
Place: SMH Parenting Center
1340 14th Street (side entrance)

Mothers of multiples meet monthly to share experiences and learn more about the joys of raising children. Join the Slidell Mother of Twins Club on the first Wednesday of every month and have a night out with other moms who can encourage and support you. For more information, contact Dawn Dubisson at 645-0533 or Alicia Quarles at 643-4196.

GREATER NEW ORLEANS IMMUNIZATION NETWORK

Sponsored in Slidell by Slidell Memorial Hospital
Dates: February 13 11am - 2 p.m.
February 27 3 - 6 p.m.
Place: Walgreens
1260 Front Street, Slidell, LA 70458

The Greater New Orleans Immunization Network provides free immunizations on their Mobile Immunization Unit for all children from birth through 18 years of age. The only item required for service is a copy of the child's immunization record. No appointments necessary. For more information please call (504) 733-3268.

CANCER SERVICES

Life with Cancer Support Group
Date: Thursday, February 21
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. / Free
Place: SMH 12th St. Annex, Room A

This group provides an opportunity to discuss the implications of life with cancer and share feelings, fears and expectations in a caring and supportive setting. For more information about the Cancer Support Group, contact Connie McKnight, R.N., M.N., SMH Cancer Center, (985) 649-8582. To register for this meeting of the Cancer Support Group, call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8909.

Locks of Love!
The SMH Cancer Center is working with Locks of Love, a not-for-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children with long-term medical hair loss (alopecia). Conditions that can cause alopecia include radiation therapy to the brain stem as a treatment for cancer, autoimmune disorders and severe burns. The hairpieces provided are custom-made from human hair that is donated by many individuals. The children who wear them do not have to worry about their hairpiece falling off or being pulled off. The hairpieces help restore self-esteem at a critical time in their lives. If you know a child with alopecia or would like more information, contact Leslie Boudreaux, Locks of Love volunteer at (985) 885-1002 or Connie McKnight, R.N., M.N., SMH Cancer Center at 649-8582 or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8582.

Look Good-Feel Better
SMH Cancer Center
Date: By appointment only
Place: Backstage Styling Salon
1169 Robert Blvd., Suite E

Look Good-Feel Better is a free, national public service program to help women undergoing cancer treatment learn to cope with appearance-related side effects of treatment and regain a sense of self-confidence and control over their lives. Women learn how to disguise hair loss using wigs, turbans, scarves and various accessories; and how to perform their own make-overs using complimentary cosmetics for use during the program and later at home. For an appointment contact volunteer cosmetologist Carol Ory at (985) 646-0256, or SMH Oncology Services Manager Connie McKnight, R.N., M.N., at (985) 649-8582 or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8582.

FITNESS AND EXERCISE

SMH FITNESS CENTER

501 Robert Blvd., Slidell

Group Exercise Classes for SMH Fitness Center Members
Date: Monday-Saturday
Classes in step, aerobic dance, muscle toning and aerobic circuit are offered exclusively for SMH Fitness Center members. Great for all ages and fitness levels. Call (985) 645-2955 for more information.

Therapeutic Massage
Add massage treatments to your fitness regimen! This service is now available at the SMH Fitness Center by appointment. Cost: Fitness Center members: \$35/hour or \$20/half-hour; for non-members: \$45/hour or \$25/half-hour. Call (985) 645-2955 for more information or to make an appointment.

Line Dancing
Join this fun fitness movement at the SMH Fitness Center. Classes are held for both beginners (30 minutes) and advanced (60 minutes) at a cost of \$2 per class. Our group often goes on field trips by invitation to perform for others! Join the fun! Call (985) 645-2955 for class times and information.

SCREENINGS

Free Senior Adult Eye Screenings
David F. Slagle, M.D.
Gary M. Artigue, O.D.
Date: Wednesday, February 6
Time: 9:00-11:30 a.m. / Free
Place: SMH Medical Office Building
1051 Gause Blvd., Suite 480
Call (985) 649-0206 for more information.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings
SMH Fitness Center
Dates: Monday-Friday
Times: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Place: SMH Fitness Center
501 Robert Blvd., 2nd floor

Blood pressure screenings can be valuable in the early detection of hypertension and other cardiovascular diseases. Understanding what blood pressure is, what causes it to rise, and what affects it, can help you control yours. No appointment needed—just stop by our convenient Fitness Center location for a free blood pressure screening. Call (985) 645-2955 for more information.

Prostate Screenings for Men over Forty
Mahmoud Daffary, M.D.
Esteban Romano, M.D.
Place: SMH Founders Medical Building
The Urology Center
1150 Robert Blvd., Suite 350
Fee: \$10 PSA test

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men over the age of 40. There is a high survival rate if detected early. Screening consists of a digital rectal examination and prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test for \$10. Screening is for men who have not been diagnosed with cancer of the prostate or have not received a prostate exam within the past 12 months. Appointments are required. Call (985) 649-6660 for scheduled dates of the screenings, and to make your appointment.

TEAM Med Injury Clinic for Junior High And High School Athletes
Place: SMH Wellness Pavilion
501 Robert Blvd., 1st floor

TEAM Med offers a free weekly clinic for high school and junior high school athletes to assess and treat sports-related injuries. If necessary, they will aid in making appropriate referrals for further medical care. For more information, or to make an appointment, call Chuck Haag, at (985) 847-1148.

KIDMED Screenings
Dates: Monday-Friday
Place: SMH Medical Office Building
1051 Gause Blvd., Suite 360

KIDMED is a wellness program for children who have a current Louisiana Medicaid card. It features head-to-toe physical and developmental (Denver) screenings and immunizations for children from infants through 18 year olds. KIDMED screenings are available by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, call (985) 649-8775 or toll-free 1-800-259-2200, extension 8775.

Picayune Hospice Dinner Club
Date: Thursday, February 14
Time: 12:00 Noon

Slidell Hospice Dinner Club
Date: Monday, February 18
Time: 1:00 p.m.

This social gathering is held at a different restaurant each month for anyone who has lost a spouse/significant other and wants to socialize with others. For more information, call (985) 847-0174 in Slidell or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8533, in Mississippi.

Slidell Hospice Bereavement Support Group
Place: SMH Hospice Office
1045 Florida Ave., Slidell

Picayune Hospice Bereavement Support Group
Place: SMH Picayune Hospice Office
300 W. Canal

These six-week sessions are scheduled periodically throughout the year at no cost for grieving adults and children; respectively. For information on times and places to register, call Bereavement Care Counselors at (985) 847-0174 in Slidell or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8533 in Mississippi.

CPR INSTRUCTION

CPR S.T.A.T.
Taught by American Heart Association Certified Instructors Don Bergeron and Jim Rice, this training is a part of the general Heart Saver Course. For more information or to register, call (985) 781-7828.

SUPPORT GROUPS

American Asthma Alliance
Asthma Support Group
Date: Saturday, February 23
Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m./Free
Place: SMH 12th St. Annex, Conference Rooms A, B, and C

Children with asthma, ages 6 to 15, along with their parents and siblings, are welcome to join this support group, which meets monthly on the fourth Saturday at SMH. These sessions will include guest speakers, crafts and recreational activities, asthma education, and refreshments. For more information, contact LeRoy or Brenda Morrow, R.N., (985) 781-3564.

Cancer Support Group
Date: Thursday, February 21
(Please see details under "Cancer Services")

Psoriasis Support Group
Place: SMH 12th St. Annex, Room A
(Across from the Emergency Department)
This is an informative support group for individuals living with psoriasis. Feel free to bring a friend or family member. No reservations are necessary. This group usually meets every other month, in even-numbered months. To check on date and time, or for more information, call Dayna Klein, (985) 643-7109.

Stroke Support Group
SMH Social Services
Date: Monday, February 18
Time: 6 p.m. / Free
Place: Rehab Dining Room
Members of the monthly Stroke Support Group will be provided with information and offered support. An open forum will allow the ability to express fears and share coping mechanisms. For information, please contact Debbie Jaure, G.S.W., SMH Stroke Support Group, (985) 649-8695.

Fibromyalgia Support Group
Angie Gravola, R.N.
Date: Tuesday, February 19
Time: 11:00 a.m. / Free
Place: SMH Family Resource Suite

Fibromyalgia is a disorder that can cause pain in muscle, bones, and joints. It may also cause poor sleep, headaches, and stiffness or muscle aches. The symptoms can get worse during times of stress or lack of sleep. Join this support group for information and support from others suffering from this disorder. Family and friends are welcome. Space is limited, so register in advance by calling (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8909.

Liver Support Group
Date: Tuesday, February 19
Time: 7:00 p.m. / Free
Place: SMH 12th Street Annex, Room A

This monthly group is designed to offer support to those in the community with a liver disease and their families. Support comes from those who have traveled the same road. For information, contact Charley Michel, (985) 863-0557.

ProAge

55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING COURSE
Date: Thursday, February 14th & Friday, February 15th
Time: 8:00 a.m. till noon (both days)
Place: Meeting Room A, 12 St. Annex
(Across from the SMH Emergency Room)
Fee: \$10.00 payable to A.A.R.P.

This class has been designed to enhance safety awareness for those individuals who are 55+ years old. Many insurance companies give a generous discount on your auto insurance premium after completion of this course. Be sure to check with your agent to see if you qualify. Space is limited. Reserve your seat by calling the ProAge Office at (985) 649-8695 or 1-800-259-2200, Ext. 8695.

FREE HEARING TESTING

Date: Friday, February 22
Time: 8:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.
Place: 12th St. Annex Bldg., 2nd Floor Conference Room

SMH Senior Audiologist, Dennis Stamps, will be providing free hearing testing for those in the community who are 55 yrs. old and over. To get more information on this free hearing testing call 1-800-259-2200, Ext. 1592 or 643-2200, Ext. 1592. Don't forget to ask Dennis about your ProAge discount!

"BREAKFAST BUDDIES"

Topic: Living with Diabetes
Guest Speaker: Anne Thomas, BS, R.N.C., CDE
Date: Thursday, February 21st
Time: 8:30 a.m./Free
Place: Meeting Room A, 12th St. Annex
(Across from the SMH Emergency Room)

If you or anyone close to you has Diabetes, come and share a hot breakfast with your ProAge friends. We'll listen and learn as Ann Thomas, RN shares with us tips on living with Diabetes. Space is limited. To reserve your seat for this "Breakfast Buddies" call (985) 649-8695 or 1-800-259-2200, Ext. 1630. Don't forget to bring along some good questions!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

SMH Volunteers are a real "Work of Heart". Come share your time and talents by becoming a Volunteer at Slidell Memorial Hospital. For more information, call Susan Dedura at (985) 649-8695 or 1-800-259-2200, Ext. 8695.

It's not too late to travel to the Caribbean in May with your ProAge friends.

ProAge will be headed to the Caribbean in May. Ship: The Inspiration
Departure: from N.O. on May 5th
Returns: to N.O. on May 12th
Price: Prices start at \$695.00 per person (plus port taxes)
To reserve your cabin: Call Jan Richardson at 1-800-479-8222, Ext. 1725. Be sure to tell Jan that you will be traveling with Slidell Memorial Hospital's ProAge group.

Join the SMH MALL-WALKERS in the New Year

Date: Mondays through Saturdays
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. / Free
Place: North Shore Square Mall
Our SMH Mall-Walkers program is growing with every step, and getting better each year. Bring a friend and introduce them to your ProAge buddies as you get aerobic exercise through walking in air-conditioned comfort. Anyone interested can register any morning, Monday through Saturday, at 8:30 a.m. in the Food Court. For more information on the SMH Mall Walking Program, call (985) 649-8695 or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8695.

ELDERCISE

Date: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
Time: 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. classes/ Free
Place: Aerobics Room, SMH Fitness Center,
501 Robert Blvd., 2nd Floor

This program provides seniors (members and non-members alike) with a supervised setting to increase muscle tone and flexibility in a non-strenuous manner. For information, call (985) 645-2955.

Important SMH ProAge Discount Information:
For an updated SMH ProAge Discount List, call (985) 649-8695 or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8695.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Diabetes Wellness
Dates: February 26, 28, March 5, 7
Time: 6:00 to 8:30 p.m./FREE
(Pre-registration required by February 19)
Learn self-management skills and make lifestyle changes to effectively manage this disorder. A pharmacist, dietitian, nurse, physical therapist and social worker present the program, providing education on controlling diabetes as well as methods to avoid or delay the associated complications. The Diabetes Management Program is for anyone with diabetes and their family members/significant others. To register call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2000, ext. 8909.

SMH Resource Lines

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SPORTS

Roundup: Rocks win soccer title; OLA's Meyers and Bay's Fillingame lead the Coast; Hancock drops Biloxi

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

On Friday, the chants of "Chucky, Chucky, Chucky!" were heard reverberating through the bowels of the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. And, I am not talking about the movie "Child's Play."

Former Sea Wolves goalie Chuck Thuss was sporting his traditional #1 jersey for the team as regular team goalie, Colin Zulianello, was recalled to Quebec.

On Friday, the Sea Wolves entertained the Arkansas RiverBlades in ECHL Southwestern Division action. The RiverBlades were 8-2 through their last 10 games and took the Sea Wolves to overtime where Jim Baxter netted the game winner for Mississippi as he sliced to the crease for the shot. Baxter took a pass from Steffan Walby on the wing and lit the lamp on Arkansas goalie Jason Saal for the 3-2 victory.

It was the fourth game in a row where the Sea Wolves lost their lead in the final period and the third overtime game in a row for Mississippi.

The first period was a rather dull one as both teams combined for just 16 shots on goal. Arkansas took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission after an empty net goal by Brad Holzinger with 11:14 left to play. Sea Wolves goalie Chuck Thuss

left the next to pick up a puck and it bounced off his stick into the crease where Holzinger was waiting.

The second period had Mississippi tie the game and take a one goal lead. The Sea Wolves scored with 17:58 left in the period when newly acquired Yuri Moscevsy took a cross pass in the crease and slapped it past Saal to tie the game 1-1. The goal came on an assist from Francois Fortier.

The Sea Wolves took the lead when Steffan Walby passed to Dave Paradise out near the blue line. Paradise sent a rocket into the net with :43 left in the second for the 2-1 lead.

Arkansas had a goal waved off at the 10:46 mark of the third period that would have tied the game; however, Arkansas netted the tying goal with 4:46 left to play. Jason Birmingham scored on a breakaway to send the game into overtime.

With :34 left before a shootout, Baxter scored the game winner and improve the Sea Wolves record to 23-20 and fifth place in the Southwestern Division with 47 points.

On Thursday, the Sea Wolves lost to Pensacola on the road 5-4 in a shootout.

In other sports action during the week, the OLA and SSC were big winners on the soccer field while several area teams were in action on

the hardwood.

On Tuesday, the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws blanked the Pass Christian Pirates 8-0. Kyle Lewis and Peter Doty each scored twice in the contest. Drew Cranford, Tommy Henry, Brennan Brooks, and Cody Cannon each scored once for the Rocks in the win. The win gives the Rocks the Division 8 Class 4A championship and a 17-2-1 overall record.

OLA routed the Bay High Lady Tigers on the field 11-0 on Tuesday. Emily Meyers and Rachel Cranford each tallied a hat trick for the Crescents. Ashley Chrisman scored twice for OLA which improved to 15-3-4 and kept their dreams for a third consecutive state title alive.

OLA also defeated the George County Lady Rebels 3-1 on Thursday, January 24. The Lady Rebels were previously undefeated. Ashley Chrisman, Rachel Cranford, and Emily Meyers each scored to lead the Crescents.

In junior high soccer action on Thursday, the OLA Crescents defeated Ocean Springs 7-0. Lauren Renz scored a hat trick for OLA. Kaitlyn Bosely, Annie Giardino, Margaret Hadden, and Lakasia Duckworth each scored once.

Hancock was shutout by Long Beach 9-0 in high school soccer action on

Tuesday.

Several area soccer standouts are statistical leaders on the Coast. Peter Doty of SSC leads the Coast in scoring with 37 goals followed by Kyle Lewis with 21 and Drew Cranford with 18 who are second and third, respectively.

Lewis leads the Coast in assists and goalie Sean Olsen leads the Coast with 10 shutouts.

In the girls division, Emily Meyers leads the Coast with 26 goals followed by Bay High's Katie Fillingame with 22 goals. Kara Harshbarger leads the Coast with 11 assists and goalie Ellen Ladner has tallied 14 shutouts.

In high school basketball action, the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws (21-4, 7-1) defeated Vancleave on the road 77-62 in Division 8 Class 4A action on Tuesday, January 22. Darius Acker led the Rocks with 24 points followed by Gabe Willis' 20 points.

The Pass Christian Pirates split a pair of games with the D'Iberville Warriors on Tuesday. The boys team beat the Warriors 96-55. Kalvin Woods led the Pirates (19-4, 8-0) with 20 points.

The girls team lost 44-19.

The Hancock Lady Hawks (17-8) defeated the Biloxi Indians 69-39 behind Brooke Necaise's 20 points. Devin Necaise chipped in 14 points followed by Amanda Arcement with 10 points. The boys team lost a squeaker to the defending Class 5A state champions 56-55. Cody Ladner and Matt Ladner each fired in 16

points. Daron Boone added 11 points in the loss. Cody Ladner added eight assists and five rebounds while Boone dished out six assists and five rebounds.

The OLA Crescents lost a close one to the Vancleave Lady Bulldogs 58-55 on Tuesday night. Margaret Magers scored 18 points for the Crescents followed by DeNira Dedeaux's 16 points.

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the card help to support the vital work of the Lung Association."

For more information, call the American Lung Association of Mississippi at 1-800-586-4872 or go to www.lungusa.org/mississippi and click on "Discounted Golf." All Valentine orders will be shipped via first-class mail the same day they are received.

Pass to host 'Old Timer's Game'

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Pass Christian High School Diamond Club is hosting the 3rd Annual "Old Timer's Game" on Saturday, February 9 at 11am. Any former players that graduated prior to 1997 are welcome

to play in the annual event. Preceding the "Old Timer's Game", will be the introduction of the 2002 Pass Christian Middle School team. Immediately following the event, the club will sponsor "Meet the Team". The day will con-

clude with a seven inning scrimmage. The varsity scrimmage is scheduled to begin at 1pm.

If anyone is interested in playing in the "Old Timer's Game" please call Mark Logan at 452-2008 or Loni Jenkins at 452-4390.

Basketball tournament near Pensacola

North American Youth Sports announced they will hold their annual spring youth basketball tournament in the Pensacola, Fla. area at Fort Walton High School April 5-7.

The tournament will feature 10 different brackets. They include 5th-6th grade boys; 5th-6th grade girls; 7th

grade boys; 7th grade girls; 8th grade boys; 8th grade girls; 9th-10th grade boys; 9th-10th grade girls, 11th-12th grade boys and 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee is \$90 and guarantees each team a min-

imum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

The entry deadline is March 15. For additional information or an entry form, call Shawn Dugre at the toll-free tournament hotline at 1-888-629-2275 or the tournament director, Ray Totten, at 850-581-4723.

Little League softball registration set

Hancock County Little League Girls Fastpitch Softball will hold registration for the 2002 season every Saturday in February at Lakeshore Field next to Gulfview School and the following business locations:

February 2: Waveland Wal-Mart, Waveland Kmart and Waveland Market Center

February 9: Diamondhead Supermarket, Waveland Sav-A-Center, and Mississippi Power Hwy. 90

February 16: Waveland Kmart and Waveland Market Center

February 23: Kent & Sue's, Lower Bay Rd. and Bay St. Louis Winn-Dixie

Any girl ages 5-18 who lives anywhere in Hancock County, including Bay St. Louis and Waveland or Pass Christian is eligible.

Registration fee is \$30 (raffle tickets available to earn fee) and an original birth certificate. Call 467-1291, 467-4220

or 255-7828 for details.

The league will also begin accepting manager applications at the February board meeting Monday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Gulfview cafeteria.

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Entertainment

February is Elvis month at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

February is an Elvis month at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. There will be two free Elvis acts at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

Travis LeDoyt and Brandon Bennett are both back by popular demand.

LeDoyt specializes in portraying Elvis in his younger years at Sun Records is definitely a heart throb performing Jan. 29 - Feb. 2.

Bennett, who has won numerous Elvis contests, performs Feb. 15 - 17.

Show times are Tuesdays through Thursdays, 8 and 10:30 p.m. and Sundays, 6 and 8:30 p.m. All shows are free; however, guests must be at least 21 years of age to attend.

Travis LeDoyt has been called "the best young Elvis in the world," and there are four good reasons why: 1) he looks like Elvis; 2) he sings like Elvis; 3) he moves like Elvis; and 4) his personality and mannerisms both on and off stage are strikingly similar to Elvis.

To those people who think they have seen it all when it comes to Elvis tribute acts, this is the one that makes them do a double take. There is simply no way to describe Travis and his performance except unbelievably.

He will perform two shows nightly Jan. 29 - Feb. 2 at 8 & 10:30 p.m. and at 6 and 8:30 p.m. on Sunday. All shows are free and on the



Travis LeDoyt as the young Elvis Presley.

main lobby stage at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. Must be 21 to attend.

In the summer of 2001,

LeDoyt was presented with a film script called, "Lonely Street." It's a romantic comedy about a young Elvis

impersonator. He has read the script and is interested. He was also featured in a photo in a 2001 issue of NY Times Magazine for a retro clothing story.

Born 1977 (the year Elvis died), in Greenfield, Mass., it was evident at an early age that he had the elements necessary to become an entertainer.

His impish behavior and clever wit were responsible for providing a good deal of levity and laughter, and his talent and love of music and was evident from an early age.

He was exposed to a wide variety of musical styles, including Country, Swing, Rock & Roll, and Classical. His fascination with music led to formal piano lessons at age nine.

It wasn't long before he was proficient at playing both piano and guitar, writing his own songs, and singing. That early training and his natural talent have culminated in Travis being one of the most convincing tribute acts to ever grace the stage.

LeDoyt was not an immediate fan of Elvis Presley, but as he got to know more about the man and his music, he came to understand why Elvis was dubbed "The King of Rock & Roll."

After listening to his father's recordings by Elvis, he was particularly impressed with Elvis' early

Sun recordings and bought that collection of hits.

He played the CDs constantly and began to sing along. As Travis matured, he found his voice and appearance were remarkably similar to Elvis'. He also found he had a natural ability to move like Elvis, and after his first performance in tribute to Presley, he found the public response to be overwhelming.

Since that time, Travis has been leaving audiences in awe everywhere he performs.

Travis flawlessly captures the essence of Elvis in his prime, and restricts his shows to the hits and ambiance of 1954-1959. Utilizing an authentic four-piece band featuring upright slap bass, guitar, piano and drums, LeDoyt takes his audience back to a genuine 1956 concert.

For those who missed an Elvis concert during those years, it is a chance to relive the 50's. Travis is currently working casinos, fairs and festivals all across the United States and working with Nashville manager, Dick McVey, and booking agent, Marty Martel. He was featured in a New York Times photo layout on May

27, 2001 where he depicted young Elvis. To add authenticity, the photos were taken in Sam Phillips' office in Memphis. Phillips was the founder of Sun Records and signed Elvis to his first recording contract.

Following a recent show at Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis, Casino Entertainment Manager Dave Hilbert said the patron response to LeDoyt was the greatest he has ever seen. Like so many people who have witnessed Travis' performance, Hilbert could only utter one word - "unbelievable."

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Mississippi Arbor Day Celebration
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Celebrate Mississippi Arbor Day by planting a tree at the Arboretum. Lectures on the meaning of Arbor Day, how trees contribute to our lives, and how to plant trees will be given.

A special selection of trees will then be planted into the Arboretum exhibits.

Area organizations and children are especially invited. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Call (601) 799-2311, ext. 21 to register. Free admission and open to the public. Wear old clothes and bring your own shovel.

Arbor Day Plant Sale
Saturday, Feb. 9

Member sale:
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Public sale:
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Celebrate Mississippi's Arbor Day by planting trees and shrubs into your landscape. Winter is the best time for planting in our area; and, we will have a great selection of hard-to-find plants. Free admission and open to the public.

Cast Net Making
Thursday, Feb. 14
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Learn this time-honored tradition of making cast nets from Pearl River County Master Gardener Bill Jackson. He will demonstrate the technique used to make the netting and will bring some finished examples. Free to Arboretum

members; \$3 for nonmembers.

What's That Bird? Kids Program
Saturday, Feb. 16,
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Your children will love learning how to identify birds in this one-hour walk. While spotting the birds (we provide the binoculars), they will also learn where they live and what they need to survive.

Please register by Feb. 15 as the trip will be limited to 15 registrants. Members children, \$1; non-members, \$3. The Crosby Arboretum is located adjacent exit 4 of Interstate 59, in Picayune.

For more information, call the Arboretum office at 601-799-2311, ext. 21, or visit webpage at the following:

<http://msstate.edu/dept/crc/crcmain.html>

Great Books discussion group to meet

The next Great Books discussion group meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The group is currently studying the volume, *The Art of the Story*. The readings for this session will be *The Stump-Grubber* by Torgny Lindgren and *Wish* by Bobbie Ann Mason.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion group began in March, 1990.

Since that time, members have read more than 345 titles and they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Hobbes, Locke deTocqueville), Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Great Books Foundation was established in 1947 by University of Chicago Chancellor Robert Maynard Hutchins. Its mission is to provide people of all ages, backgrounds and

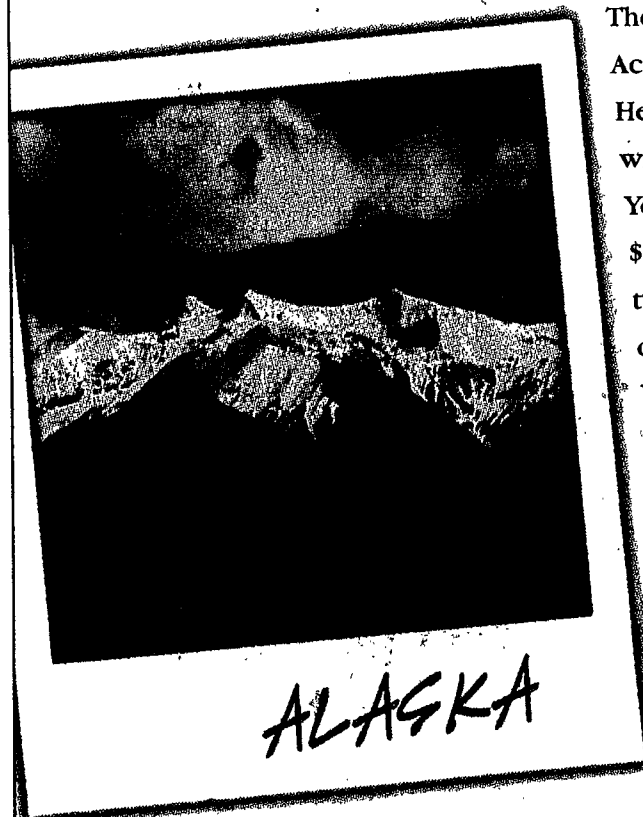
walks of life with the opportunity to read, discuss and learn from outstanding works of literature.

Today, more than 20,000 adults are members of Great Books discussion groups, and nearly one million students participate in Junior Great Books groups for grades K-12. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. The only requirement is that you read the selection before the meeting. For information, call David Woodburn at 467-5282.

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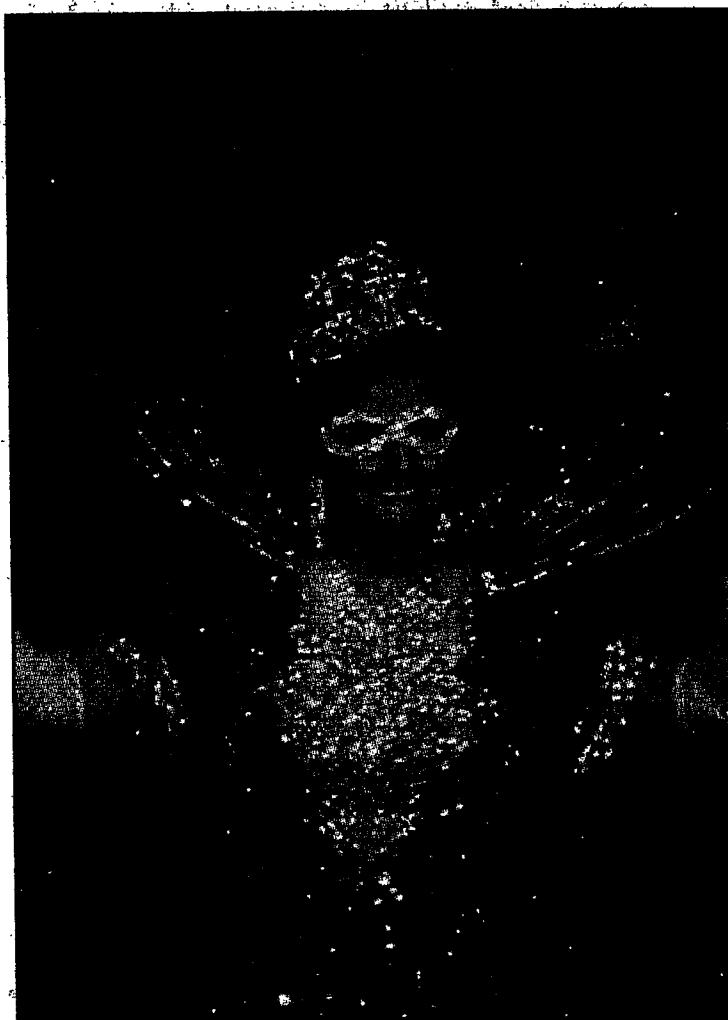
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The Krewe of Nereids filled the Gulf Coast Coliseum with 'Music, Music, Music' last week during its 36th annual Bal Masque. The celebration continues with the krewe's Mardi Gras parade on Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. on Hwy. 90 in Waveland.

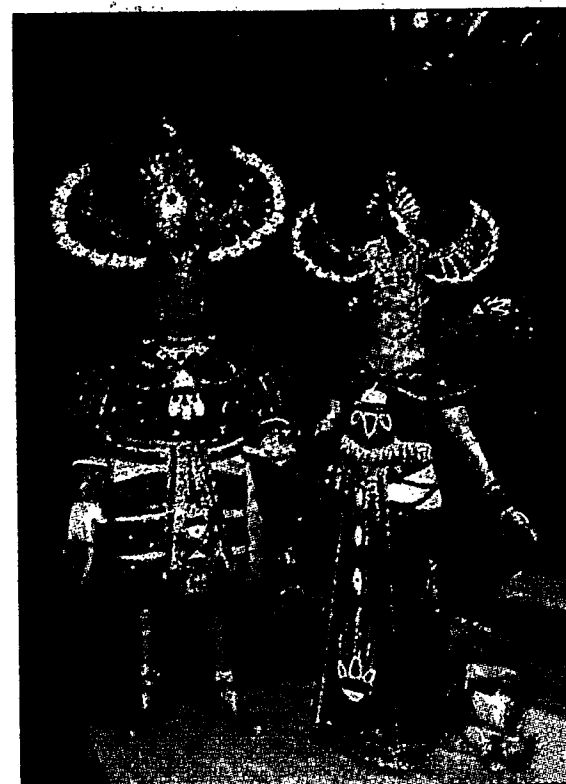
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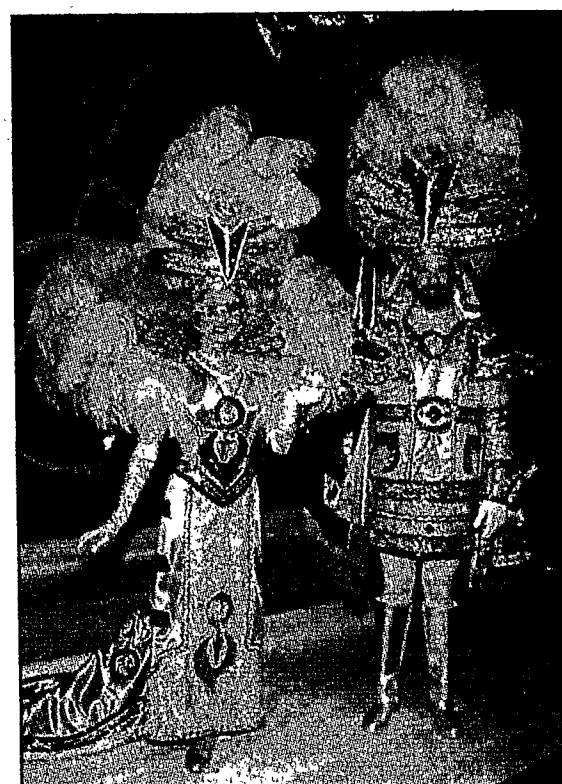
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What's for Lunch? Jan. 28-Feb. 1 Charles B. Murphy Honor Roll

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Monday: Glazed Donut, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice
Tuesday: Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Wednesday: French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Thursday: Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Beef-A-Roni, Ham and Cheese Sandwich with Trimmings, Buttered Corn, Green Beans, Fresh Apple, Peach Slices, Yeast Roll

Tuesday: Stuffed Crust Pizza, Roast Beef Pobo with Gravy, Parslied New Potatoes, Cheesy Broccoli, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Banana, Jell-O Cake

Wednesday: Chicken Gumbo with Rice, Corn Dog Nuggets, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Peanut Butter Chews

Thursday: Taco Salad, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Cream-style Corn, Cheesy Broccoli and Cauliflower, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Chilled Pear

Friday: Lasagna, Texas Grilled Cheese Sandwich with Vegetable Beef Soup, French Fries, Green Peas, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Tropical Fruit Mix, Yellow Cake with Icing, Yeast Roll

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BREAKFAST

Monday: Cereal with Toast or Breakfast Pizza, Juice

Tuesday: Cereal with Toast or Ham Biscuit, Juice

Wednesday: Cereal with Toast or Sausage Biscuit, Juice

Friday: Feb. menu not available

Toast or Pancake Pup, Juice
Thursday: Cereal with Toast or Sausage Biscuit, Juice

Friday: Feb. menu not available

LUNCH

Monday: Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, Pizza, Ranch Baked Fries, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Juice Bar

Tuesday: Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Hamburger, Baked Tater Tots, Southern Green, Coleslaw, Tropical Fruit Mix, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Ice Cream Sandwich

Wednesday: Salisbury Steak with Gravy, Ham and Cheese Pobo, Mashed Potatoes, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Jell-O

Thursday: Vegetable Soup and Sandwich, Deli Turkey on Bun, Oven Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Jell-O

Friday: Feb. menu not available

Monday: Muffins, Juice, Milk

Tuesday: Honey Bun, Juice, Milk

Wednesday: Sausage, Egg Biscuit, Juice, Milk

Thursday: Pancake, Sausage on Stick, Juice, Milk

Friday: Feb. menu not available

LUNCH

Milk or Juice served with every meal

Monday: Meatball Hot Pocket or Chef's Salad, Peas or Corn, Applesauce or Pineapple Tidbits

Tuesday: Hot Dog with Chili or Chef's Salad, French Fries or Carrots, Apple or Pears

Wednesday: Chicken Stew or Chef's Salad, Peas or Mixed Veggies, Strawberry or Oranges

Thursday: Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich or Chef's Salad, French Fries or Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail or Peaches

Friday: Feb. menu not available

Monday: Cereal with Toast or Breakfast Pizza, Juice

Tuesday: Cereal with Toast or Ham Biscuit, Juice

Wednesday: Cereal with Toast or Pancake Pup, Juice

Thursday: Cereal with Toast or Sausage Biscuit, Juice

Friday: Feb. menu not available

LUNCH

Monday: Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, BBQ Chicken, Pizza, Ranch Baked Fries, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Juice Bar

Tuesday: Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Hamburger, Baked Tater Tots, Southern Green, Coleslaw, Tropical Fruit Mix, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Ice Cream Sandwich

Wednesday: Salisbury

Thursday: Salisbury

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Thursday: Salisbury

Friday: Feb. menu not available

Steak with Gravy, Ham and Cheese Pobo, Mashed Potatoes, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Fruit Cobbler

Thursday: Vegetable Soup and Sandwich, Deli Turkey on Bun, Oven Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Jell-O

Friday: Feb. menu not available

Monday: Muffins, Juice, Milk

Tuesday: Honey Bun, Juice, Milk

Wednesday: Sausage, Egg Biscuit, Juice, Milk

Thursday: Pancake, Sausage on Stick, Juice, Milk

Friday: Feb. menu not available

LUNCH

Milk or Juice served with every meal

Monday: Meatball Hot Pocket or Chef's Salad, Peas or Corn, Applesauce or Pineapple Tidbits

Tuesday: Hot Dog with Chili or Chef's Salad, French Fries or Carrots, Apple or Pears

Wednesday: Chicken Stew or Chef's Salad, Peas or Mixed Veggies, Strawberry or Oranges

Thursday: Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich or Chef's Salad, French Fries or Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail or Peaches

Friday: Feb. menu not available

Monday: Cereal with Toast or Breakfast Pizza, Juice

Tuesday: Cereal with Toast or Ham Biscuit, Juice

Wednesday: Cereal with Toast or Pancake Pup, Juice

Thursday: Cereal with Toast or Sausage Biscuit, Juice

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SECOND NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL Superintendent's List

All A's

1st Grade: Antwine James, Mejoan Whittington

2nd Grade: Chase Bosarge, Kelsey Curet, Loggan Malone, Mallory Pullman, Melinda Pullman, Anthony Vernaci

3rd Grade: None

4th Grade: None

5th Grade: None

Principal's List As & Bs

1st Grade: Laurna Elmore, Raven Esponge, Aaron Fairley, Willow Gonzales, Selena Hosty, Zaron McFadden, Brianna Thomas, Sabrina Walters, Kaiser West

2nd Grade: Brittany Bergman, Donald Bush, Quenita Conway, Joseph Day, Neva Thomas, Jeff

3rd Grade: None

4th Grade: None

5th Grade: None

Verdon

3rd Grade: Cassandra Acker, Tabitha Davies, Cheyanne Sonnier, Tiffany Wake, Ross Wescovich

4th Grade: Brad Hill, Nastasia Irias, Dakota Jordan, Sunnie Palode, Britian Patmon, Leigh

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Weddings



Mary Louise Cooley

Cooley-Ziegler

Mr. and Mrs. Alford Miller Cooley of Hazlehurst announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Louise, to Scott Donald Ziegler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ziegler, Jr. of Bay St. Louis.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Al Grassel Davenport and the late William Lawson Davenport and Mrs. Louise Miller Cooley and the late Donald Carlos Cooley.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mrs. Ruby Morton and Mr. H. L. Morton and the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Ziegler, Sr.

Miss Cooley is a 1995 honor graduate of Copiah Academy. In 1997, she represented Hazlehurst as Miss Hospitality.

She attended Mississippi State University where she received a master's degree in school counseling. She was a member of Kappa Delta social sorority. Mr. Ziegler is a 1994 honor graduate of Brandon High School. He was graduated from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La. and later from Mississippi State University with a degree in chemical engineering. While at MSU, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is employed as a process engineer with Holcim US in Clarksville, Missouri.

The couple will exchange vows at the Hazlehurst United Methodist Church on February 23, 2002 at 6 p.m.

Lee-Meyer

The Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Johnson of Bay St. Louis and Thomas J. Lee and Jennifer L. MacMillan of St. Simons Island, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Loren Lee, to Kenneth John Meyer, Jr.

The bride-elect, a resident of St. Simons Island, is the granddaughter of Katherine Cracraft of Jacksonville, Fla., Louise Hutto of Orlando, Fla., the late Robert E. Lee and the late Vasco Hutto.

She is a graduate of the University of Georgia, where she received her bachelor of arts degree in journalism. She is employed as a special projects coordinator at the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center in Brunswick, Ga.

The prospective groom is a native of New Orleans and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Meyer, Sr., of Slidell and Mr. and Mrs. Philip DeBram of Waveland.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meyer of Mandeville, La., Virginia Monlezun of Waveland and the late Stanley Monlezun.

He is employed as a dining room manager at The Cloister Resort on Sea Island, Ga.

A 6 p.m. ceremony is planned for Sunday, April 7, 2002, at Lovely Lane Chapel.

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Births

NATALIE TAYLOR LAWLESS

Kyndra Lawless of Waveland announces the birth of a daughter, Natalie Taylor, Dec. 21, 2001 at 1:45 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

Grandparents are Kevin and Canellie Kremenetz.

Great-grandparents are Carl and Sheila Thomas of Bay St. Louis and Shirley Lawless of Bay St. Louis and the late Claude Lawless.

Great-great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ladner of Kiln; Agnes Thomas of Bay St. Louis and the late Carl Thomas Sr. and Sidney Woods of Texas and the late Margie Woods.

KATELYN DANIELLE CUCURULLO

Troy Michael and Norma Jean Cucurullo of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a daughter, Katelyn Danielle, Dec. 7, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Joe Torres Sr. and Virginia Torres of Covington.

Paternal grandmother is Jo Ann P. Cucurullo of Bay St. Louis.

SARAH MCKENZIE MCKEOUGH

Mr. and Mrs. Jamie John McKeough of Slidell announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah McKenzie, Dec. 27, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. McKeough is the former Debbie Brown.

Maternal grandmother is Jo Anne H. Brown of Slidell.

Paternal grandparents are Emmett and Marie McKeough of Pass Christian.

DAWSON MICHAEL STRONG

Mr. and Mrs. Monty Earl Strong of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a son, Dawson Michael, Dec. 20, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. Strong is the former Danielle Marie Booth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown of Waveland and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Booth of Philadelphia, Pa.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Austin Redding and Raymond J. Strong, all of Bay St. Louis.

JOHN HARLEY GREGORY II

Mr. and Mrs. John Harley of Diamondhead announce the birth of a son, John Harley II, Dec. 20, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. Gregory is the former Amy Pickich.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. Pickich of Pass Christian.

Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Virginia D. Gregory of Pass Christian and the late Kendall D. Gregory.

TYLER ALLEN GREEN

Allen Douglas Graham and Melissa Ann Green of Slidell announce the birth of a son, Tyler Allen, Nov. 27, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Carol Spychalski of Gulfport and Michael Green of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Mary Guidroz and David Duhon, both of Bay St. Louis.

CALLIE ANNE BOURGEOIS

Lisa Marie and Sean Daniel Bourgeois Sr. of Slidell announce the birth of a daughter, Callie Anne, Dec. 14, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Joyce and Robert Bourda of Slidell and Joseph and Ellen Reagin of Picayune.

Paternal grandparents are Clyde and Diane Bourgeois of Pearl River.

Cows, space to highlight libraries' story hours

'Who Goes Moo?' will be the theme for the story at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 10:30 a.m.

Click Clack Cows that Type, Farmer Brown Goes Round and Round, Pig, Horse or Cow Don't Wake Me Now and Who Says Moo? are the books to be read during the program.

Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in making a rocking cow.

'Out of this World' will be to theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 10:30 a.m.

Space Race, Big Silver

Space Shuttle and If the Moon Could Talk are the books to be read during the program. Children will make a paper rocket ship.

Story hours are held September through May. Programs last one-half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children 3 to 5 years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

D'head Women's Club 2002 Spring Art Fling

Diamondhead Women's Club has set the date for their eighth Spring Art Fling Sunday, April 7 at the Diamondhead Country Club between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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To learn the details, log onto <http://www.100TopHospitals.com>. Look for "Solucient 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success" hospitals and a summary of the report.

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First Grade Superintendent's List All A's

Calleigh Bromwell,
Whitney Brown, Conner
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Hornberger, Cade Ladner,
Shelby Ladner, Shelby
Ladner, Kailey Morton,
Amanda Nugent, Aaron
Owens, Kara Tebo

First Grade Principal's List A's and B's

Whitney Bannister,
Cambria Boone, Candice
Boone, Katie Caple, Bryson
Compton, Chad Cook,
Andrew Cornell, Aja, a
Crawford, Dillan Cuevas,
Joseph Cuevas
Whitney Cuevas,
Nathaniel Davis, Brooke
Dedeaux
Amelia Dupuy-Nelson,
Matthew Dye, Eddie
Erskine, Chelsea Farrell,
Molly Freeman, Morgan

Gallagher, Charles Garrett,
Melissa Gauthier, Thomas
Harrison, Articia Hill,
Ashley Hoda, Cassandra
Hoda, Linzy Hudson

Page James, Lugis
Ladner, Christopher Lower,
Tyler Mefford, Angel Melton,
Marissa Mendoza, Blake
Meranto

Ashley Miller, Dawn
Mitchell, Ariel Necaise,
Patrick Necaise
Robin Necaise, Morgan
Peterson, Nicholas Ruiz,
Maria Scheel, Gill
Thompson, Traci Truong,
Kristin Tullier, Frank Volpe,
Morgan Whitney

Second Grade Superintendent's List All A's

Abigail Arcement,
Tabatha Burns, Ashlei Ebbs,
Bobby Gonzales, Riley
Grisham, Austin Ladner,
Chase Ladner, Jakaiy
LaLowe, Emily Landry,
Erica Mitchell, Lucille
Peterson, Wyatt Peterson,
Alyssa Viator

Second Grade Principal's List A's and B's

Gabe Ahler, Ethan Allen,
Jessica Austin, Ryan
Bellanger, Trevor Bennett,
Ryan Benoit, Nick Billeaud,
Josh Carlan, Cody Cuevas,
Laneé Cuevas, Zachary

Cuevas, Meagan Fairley
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Lance Lebo, Cassey Lee,
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Daphne Mendoza, Dylan
Mitchell, Timothy Moore,
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Nicole Richards, Heather
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Smith, Alyssa Spiers, David
Vegas, Raven Watson, Tyler
Welch, Robert Williams

Third Grade Superintendent's List All A's

Gabby Bilbo, Gage
Herron, Mariah Kellar,
Morgan Ladner, Joel Lee,
Kelsie Salles, Alcia Webb

Third Grade Principal's List A's and B's

Kartina Ainsworth,
Valarie Baradell, Louis
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Candebat, Shawn Clemens,
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Brandon Fleming, Courtney
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Fourth Grade Superintendent's List All A's

Haleigh Archment,
Kristopher Classon, Shana
Cuevas, Brittney Eakins,
Gineca Garriga, Kenneth
Herbert, Renee Lee,
Brittany Roche, Hannah
Seal, Hunter Seymour

Fourth Grade Principal's List A's and B's

Ethan Ball, Rickie Benoit,
Natasha Bernard, Stephen
Bond, Jonathan Burns,
Syera Chiasson, Kayla Cole,
Rebecca Dubuisson, Brittney
Dykes, Dillon Emmons
Houston Erwin, Keely
Foret, Lacie Garber, Cagen
Garriga, Destny Harriet,
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Mendoza, Cody Mitchell,
Britney Necaise, Chance
Parker

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Thomas, Shane Torres, Kelbi
Wagner, Shelby Ward

Fifth Grade Superintendent's List All A's

Lee Gagnon

Fifth Grade Principal's List A's and B's

Breanna Ainsworth,
Kayla Allen, Shane
Beardsley, Kara Chladek,
Andrea Faye, Torey
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Devin Ladner, Naomi
Ladner, Shana Lovell,
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Jamie Nugent, Lindsey
Palmer, Kyndra Pennington,
Bryce Salles, Lena
Summers, Rosie Tebo

Genin receives fellowship

John L. Genin Jr. of Bay Saint Louis is a 2000-2001 recipient of a \$3,000 graduate fellowship sponsored by the Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation headquartered in Oxford, Ohio.

Recipients must excel in academics, campus activities, Phi Delta Theta involvement, and community service.

Genin is currently attending the Ole Miss Law School. He was graduated from Mississippi State University in 2001 with a degree in business information systems and a 3.7 cumulative GPA.

He has served his Phi Delta Theta chapter as secretary, rush assistant and activities chairman.

During his time at Mississippi State University, Genin was named a member the Order of Omega Greek Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society and was named to Who's Who Among American College Students.

Genin sat on the President's Cabinet of the student government and was a member of the Student Activities Committee, and the University Administrative Committee.

This year, the Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation awarded 47 undergraduate scholarships and 15 graduate fellowships worth a total of \$167,375.

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Garriga in Who's Who

Mary Ann Garriga of Diamondhead, a pharmacy major at the University of Mississippi (UM), will be featured in the 2002 edition of *Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges*.

Selection to *Who's Who* is based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

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Bay High DECA officers include, front from left, Daniel Stanton, parliamentarian; Skip Ladner, vice president; Kurt Graves, vice president; and Sheena Johnston, historian; back row, Lisa Page, secretary; Joseph Graves, treasurer; Jenny Patterson, president; Brandon Slade, photographer; and Jewell Davis, reporter. Not pictured is Jake Pearce, chaplain.

Bay High DECA elects officers

Bay High Marketing DECA elected officers in August 2001. The officers along with the members of the Bay High Marketing DECA Chapter are looking forward to a successful year in DECA.

Jenny Patterson, a senior and third year DECA member, was elected to lead the chapter, which includes 61 members.

Other officers include Skip Ladner, vice president; Kurt Graves, vice president; Sheena Johnston, historian; Lisa Page, secretary; Joseph

Graves, treasurer; Daniel Stanton, parliamentarian; Brandon Slade, photographer; Jewell Davis, reporter; and Jake Pearce, chaplain.

This year the chapter plans to sponsor a new civic activity, Big Tiger/ Little Tiger. The main focus of this activity is mentoring elementary school students who are less fortunate and just need someone to be there as a friend.

The members send letters and "happies" to the students just to see them smile. Members also held a

Christmas skating party and will be holding an Easter egg hunt, which is planned in April. The chapter plans to accomplish many other goals this year.

During September, 38 members of the chapter attend Fall Leadership and had an extraordinary time. The chapter is planning to take 30 members to District at Pearl River Community College, and they also plan to take as many members as possible to State in Biloxi and Internationals in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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OF STEPHEN, THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MARTYR, AND IN FACT STOOD GUARD OVER
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GAGED IN SPREADING THE WORD OF CHRISTIANITY, HE WAS STONED HIMSELF
BY AN INFURIATED MOB AT LYSTRA AND LEFT FOR DEAD ON THE OUTSKIRTS
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911 a hotbed of community

Tantalizing, mouth-watering, appetizing aromas wafted all around the big room, triggered by dozens of beguiling preparations of almost as many dishes as one's mind can conceive.

Not just sitting there cold and unattended, the food was steaming, hot and ready to be served and eaten.

This maddening venue was the food court of the popular Riverwalk in New Orleans. Add to those bewitching aromas the overwhelming sight of so many foods arrayed in all their colors and attractive arrangements.

Making your way through this formidable gauntlet of temptations, you soon heard the preliminary sounds of warm-up routines by a musical combo which just happened to be from Broadway, New York City.

Yes, Broadway had made its way from the Big Apple to the Big Easy, the first of 14 cities it would visit as a way of saying thanks to America for all it had done for New York after the horrors of 911.

Putting their collective heads together, New Yorkers decided this was one way of saying thanks.

"New York Loves America!" a stage-side sign beamed, spelling the word "loves" with the picture of a heart filled with a depiction of the U.S. flag.

Continental Airlines got into the act, bankrolling the entire flight portion of the Broadway roving ambassadors' tour. Michelob and other sponsors likewise jumped into the project, joining forces and resources with volunteers from various sectors of New York City and its friends.

It wasn't really Broadway, naturally. It was not even half-Broadway. But it was a stripped-down, skeletal facsimile of Broadway electric enough to show off the talents of the stars and their gratitude and love for America. It gave us a taste of Broadway sufficient to appreciate their time and effort.

Checking out the crowd gathered in the food court of the Riverwalk, I was deeply disappointed that the place was not choked with New Orleanians. Apart from a couple of quickies on the David Three radio talk show and a blurb from WWL radio, there was not a peep out of the local media.

I found that pretty distressing, downright disturbing. If three female and two male vocalists come down from New York with a three-

man combo to thank us personally for supporting them in their greatest moment of need, why should we not get excited and turn out in force to share with them?

On the other side, from a suggestion of Ron Goldman, a talk show caller, Louisianans had collected monies to replace one of the New York fire trucks. It came as a pleasant shock that fire trucks are built right here in Louisiana, and they customized this one, donating many days of overtime.

That was duly noted at the very beginning of the Broadway troupe's food court show, as they thanked Louisiana for the near \$400,000 truck, delivered for Christmas no less, with the bonus of a less costly ladder truck to come.

"Everything was still, silent and devastated. Together with all New Yorkers, we of this Broadway troupe remained numb for weeks, until we gradually started singing songs and playing plays again."

With those emotionally-charged words, Sandy Duncan, one of the dynamic vocalists of the tour, summed up the aftermath of 911 and the eventual rising of the giant city from the dread ashes of crushing pain and grief.

"New York became a community in one day," she said wistfully, alluding to the former aloofness, coldness and lack of connectedness of New Yorkers to other people around them. That onetime defect of the Big Easy citizens had been violently wrenched away within minutes and replaced by the felt need of a supporting, caring, protective community.

Cruising through a smorgasbord of songs such as "Come to the Cabaret" and ending with "Give My Regards to Broadway," the jolly troupe thrilled everyone with banter, music and some Broadway moves to boot.

It was all a sacred, very personal reminder that we, whether New Yorkers or Americans or world citizens, must never regress into our sleepy, non-vigilant, aloof, selfish, separated ways of thinking, communicating and living in our families, churches, schools, communities and countries.

When New York became a community in one day, our country became an extended community, and the entire world for the very first time was cowed into baby steps toward becoming The Global Village. The hotbed was 911.

Memorial Mass for
religious sister Jan. 29

Most Rev. Thomas J. Rodi, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi, will be the principal celebrant at a Memorial Mass for Dominican Sister Jane Walker, to be celebrated at St. James Catholic Church on Cowan Road in Gulfport Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m.

Most Rev. Joseph L. Howze, retired Bishop of Biloxi, will be the homilist. Priests from throughout the diocese will also join in the celebration of the Mass.

Sister Jane Walker, who served as director of religious education for the Diocese of Biloxi since 1981, and was also the ecumenical officer for the diocese working with clergy and lay people from other Christian denominations on social causes, died in New Orleans, Jan. 9, after battling cancer for over a year. A Funeral Mass was Jan. 14 at St.

Francis Cabrini Church in New Orleans.

The religious sister also worked in collaboration with the offices of Youth Ministry, Catholic Charities, Family Life and Immigrants and Refugees, and wrote a weekly column for the diocesan newspaper, the Gulf Pine Catholic.

Born Beatrice Walker in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, she entered the Eucharistic Missionaries of St. Dominic March 7, 1947 in New Orleans, and professed first vows in 1949 and final vows in 1952.

She earned a bachelor's in sacramental theology from Loyola University and a master's in religious education/ecumenism from Fordham University.

The public is invited to attend the memorial service.



Valentine Silver Tea

The Saint Monica Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church, Pass Christian, will be holding its annual Valentine Silver Tea Friday, Feb. 8, 3-5 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Jack Thompson, 811 East Scenic Drive, Pass Christian. Anyone who is interested is invited to the tea, although invitations have been sent to many Coast residents. Donations received will be used for scholarships to local graduating high school students. Pictured are Mrs. Jack Thompson, left, and Mrs. D. H. Short, chairlady of the Silver Tea.

You cannot escape from God

No one can make anything without leaving behind their fingerprints. That's why criminals take so much care to wipe away their fingerprints.

By the same token, because God made you, God's fingerprints are all over you. And like the criminal, we attempt to cover up God's fingerprints.

Yes, for the most part, men and women in our society ignore God. Oh, some of them may pay Him a little lip service on Sunday morning, but for the most part, God is ignored.

Then there is a small minority, which vocally rejects God. These people want Him banned from business and education, and especially from government.

God's moral standards are to be set aside in business. Work, in the classroom must also be done without acknowledging the Author of truth. And religious convictions are to be left outside the halls of gov-

ernment. Unfortunately, all this maneuvering is really an effort to escape from God.

But you can never really escape from God. You see, God's fingerprints are all over you and even inside of you.

For example, every time you do something, your conscience gives its approval or voices its disapproval. Why? Because you are made in God's image.

As a result, there is a special knowledge of right and wrong within you. That special knowledge of right and wrong is based upon what God says is right and wrong.

This is why the Bible says the work of the Law is written in your hearts (Romans 2:15).

So in the end, as much as you may try, you cannot escape from God, your Creator.

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Weekday masses (St. Ann): Monday-Thursday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Visitors are welcome.
Jan. 28: K-5 grade classes will resume at their normal times.

Jan. 28: CCD-CYO classes grades 6-12 are Monday from 5-6 p.m.

Jan. 29: Confirmation class at

6:45 p.m.

All classes are in the educational building.

Father Kelly and Father Jack will visit the sick and shut-ins Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

Feb. 1: First Friday Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Feb. 2: Candlemas Day

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96 FORD CROWN, VICTORIA. POLICE Package, runs fine, needs work. 128K miles. \$2700 OBO. 467-6275.

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136 Automobiles

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138 Trucks, Vans

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98 CHEVY VENTURE, 4 DOORS. Dual Air. Great Condition book value \$12,000. Make offer. 466-0820.

'98 CHEVY Z71, 4X4, X-CAB, 3 door. Beat this price, \$15995 or \$269 a month. Good or bad credit respected. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, 1-800-798-9133.

'99 EXPEDITION, WHITE, 23K Miles, leather, rear air, perfect, warranty, \$349. a month. Best cars. 1.5 million in inventory. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, 1-800-798-9133.

143 Real Estate Services

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145 Roommates Wanted

LOVELY HOME ON THE BAYOU, in Pass Christian. Call 452-4980 after 6:00pm.

146 Rooms For Rent

PRIVATE BR HOUSE PRIVILEGES Near Casino Magic \$325 Month. 467-5628.

147 Apartments For Rent

1 & 2 BEDROOM, ALL ELECTRIC, CENTRAL heat/air, carpet, stove, refrigerator, water included. Starting at \$325/month, plus deposit. Lease required. 463-0043, 467-3935.

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT, near Old Town B.S.L. Central a/h, \$350 month + deposit. 467-0792.

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2BR, 2BA. APT. FOR RENT. KILN 603 AREA. 586-1889.

NEW CONSTRUCTION IN THE HEART OF THE BAY 3B/R, 2BA, custom features, open Floor Plan, double garage & priced just above 100K, near library, schools, shopping, & more. (126691)

SELLER IS RELOCATING HAS REALLY REDUCED this lovingly maintained brick home in desirable BSL subdivision. Offering: 3B/R, 2BA, large family room, big open kitchen, fenced yard & more. (122010)

BIG HOME - LOW PRICE... 3B/R, 2BA, huge rooms, huge closets, huge fireplace, huge lot, low price... (124135)

BRICK CHARMING BEAUTY LOCATED JUST OFF BEACH in Pass Christian offering 3B/R, 3BA, over 2,000 sq. ft., 2 fireplaces; and much more - Call today for more information. (116568)

JUST REDUCED! Double wide in Diamondhead close to pool - being sold as is as shown - Being sold on 2 lots with circle drive and nice back porch and fenced back yard. (116431)

NORTH HANCOCK COUNTY BEAUTIFUL 3B/R, 2.5 BA, brick home, fireplace, wet bar & much more, Double garage, huge workshop. All on 8 cleared acres. (124055)

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ENJOY BEAUTIFUL BEACH VIEWS FROM THIS LOVELY HOME! 3B/R, 2BA, den, living room w/ fireplace, Approx. 2250 sq. ft. of living area approx. 100x200 fenced lot w/ workshop, plus more. (126267)

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CONVIENTIALLY LOCATED 1BR Efficiency Apt. All utilities furnished. \$100 Dep. \$125 week. 463-0074

FURNISHED 2BR/1BA. BEACH VIEW, with upper deck. \$475/month + utilities. 466-0509.

FURNISHED EFFICIENCY APT. near downtown B.S.L. smoke/pet free. \$350 month & dep. 467-6393

GREAT MOVE IN SPECIAL!! SIGNATURE Lake Apartments, 1s from \$405, 2s from \$425, 3s from \$535 Call 452-9901.

LARGE NICE 1 BEDROOM. COTTAGE near Casino Magic Boat dock, pool, \$575.00 month. 467-5628.

OAK PARK APARTMENTS: 2 BR, \$450 month. Five minutes to beach. Casinos and shopping centers. 467-6882.

OAK VILLA APTS. IN PASS CHRISTIAN. 2BR/1-1/2BA. \$485/month. 3BR/2BA. \$555/month. Includes water, sewage, pest control and cable. Call 452-7005.

ONE BEDROOM APT., \$200/month. All utilities paid. 463-0108.

SMALL STUDIO APARTMENT, near Magic. \$425, utilities included. Available Feb. 1st. 467-5628.

WOW!! \$500 MONTHLY. Includes all utilities, furnished studio, no deposit/short lease, 2 locations. OS: 875-0123/Bay St. Louis; 466-5251. New residents receive two free nights in Orlando with Sea World Tickets.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

1BR IN WAVELAND, ALL ELEC. \$270 plus deposit. 467-5388.

2BR TRAILER FOR RENT. HAS Carpet, stove and refrigerator. Water, trash and sewer furnished. Lg. yard. Pet free, \$395 month. \$200 deposit. 467-2947.

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SMALL ONE BEDROOM, utilities paid, with cable. \$100/week, \$150/deposit. 228-493-3763, 463-9674.

TRAILER FOR RENT 2BR/1BA \$335 mo. \$175 Dep. 228-469-0743.

TRAILER FOR RENT. CALL 467-9698.

TRAILERS FOR RENT: 255-7180.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

1999 HORTON HOME 16X80, MIRAGE III Fully furnished with fireplace. For more information call 228-255-3342 Leave message if no answer.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

2BR 1BA. CENTRAL H/A. \$550 Month \$500/Dep Pet free. 466-4488

2BR/1BA. HOUSE IN PEARLINGTON. \$300/deposit. \$425/month. 228-586-2179.

2BR/1BA, LIVING ROOM, KITCHEN, den/office. Block from beach and depot. \$575/month, \$575/deposit. 467-4468

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH HOUSE FOR rent. Good location \$600 deposit. \$600 rent. 466-3144

3 BEDROOM, Stove/Ref. W/D Hook-up Central heat air, fenced yard, pet free \$475/month. 467-9777.

3BR/2BA, 2-STORY HOME, FP/Florida room, 515 St. Anthony St. Waveland \$750/month. J. Manier, Broker. 466-2628

BEAUTIFUL, SPACIOUS, CLEAN, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, house in Kiln, Ms. on Jourdan River \$1000/month 504-866-2137

CLEAN NEW CARPET & PAINT 4brdm/2bath. \$950.00. Call Jen Baum Century 21 Diamondhead 255-3550 or 255-6500.

DIAMONDHEAD: 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, fireplace, washer/dryer, very clean, pet-free, \$825/monthly + deposit. 467-7345

FOR LEASE: NEW 3BR, 2-1/2 BATH DUPLEX, B.S.L. \$850/month. Call Chari @ Century 21 McIntyre-Rapp. 467-3777.

HOMES FOR RENT: 343 POINTEXTER, Pass Christian, 3BR/2BA, 1500 sq. ft. 224 Corinth Ave., Bay St. Louis, 3BR/2ba, 1600 +sq.ft. Call Yolanda @ Remax By the Bay. 228-216-5560.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA. FROM \$750 PER MONTH. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

NEW, 3BR/2BA, HOME. Washer and dryer, pet free. \$700/month + deposit. 467-4713.

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QUIET AREA IMMACULATE, 3BR 1 1/2 BA. Utility room. \$725 plus deposit. 228-467-7142

SMALL, 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, Waterfront cottage, covered dock, ac/heat, storage. \$450/month. \$350/deposit. Pet, smoke-free. Sailfish Realty 466-9947.

SPACIOUS 3BR/1LG BA. Lg. Family room. 2 Blocks from Waveland Shopping Center. New Carpet, new paint. 868-6415 or 467-0600. \$700/month.

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AREA 01

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AREA 02

NEW SUBDIVISION IN WAVELAND! 3bds/2bath new home. Concrete siding, high ceilings, and scored floors. Builders 2-10 warranty! Coming soon golf course, clubhouse, swimming pool & close to beach - Sundance Sub is our name \$124,000 call Jackie MLS119966

HIGHWAY 90, 75' x 250' back to Camellia street. Presently used as beauty parlor & jewelry store plus large repair shop in rear! \$235,000 call Harris MLS116500.

AREA 03

BEACH VIEW, chapel converted into home with large oaks, Could be sold separately, back land has 4 old cabins. Home has all wood and brick walls. Ask for Bobbie \$675,000 MLS126083

OLD TOWN BAY ST LOUIS - N Second St. facing seminary grounds, 4 brdm/2baths, formal & informal areas! Corner location with privacy! One year home warranty. \$144,000 call Harris MLS119486.

AREA 04

BEAUTY OF BOTH WORLDS! Fish on the beautiful 70 acre lake or horseback ride on the 5 acres. Fenced, cross fenced, barn, stables. Cute 2br/2ba home w/deck overlooking lake plus 588 sq ft cottage \$155,000 ask for Edith MLS121455.

ZONED COMMERCIAL on the busiest corner in Clermont Harbor! Good location for lounge or retail space. \$69,999 call Bernie MLS125618.

REFURBISHED MOBILE HOME ON LARGE LOT. Convenient to Hwy 603. Priced to move quickly at \$26,900. Call George MLS119353.

TOO PRETTY TO DESCRIBE - on water - 4 brdm/4bath only 7 months old. 3 floor master bedroom suite! Deck overlooking canal - seconds to river. Priced at \$207,000 call Jackie 332-6364.

OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE! Great price, nice house! 1672 sq ft On 100 x 200 lot. Home has some remodeling done - C/A, hardwood floors, extra room could be Florida room. 3 brdm/2baths, selling for only \$49,500 call Jackie MLS 125055

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467-0600
Ask for
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CUSTOM WATERFRONT HOME: High ceilings, open floor plan, hardwood, Ceramic & berber flooring, light oak cabinetry. Front & back porches, tons of storage, lots of windows, jacuzzi in the master, 110 on water, fishing dock-too many extras to list here! \$127,000.

GREAT FAMILY HOME: 3 Bedroom 2 bath brick home close to the beach. Formal living and dining rooms, plus a large den. Central heat/air, fenced yard. If you can pay rent, you can own this home. \$78,000.

PRIME LOCATION - SHORT WALK TO BEACH: 3 Bedroom 2-1/2 bath

158 Commercial Property

DOWNTOWN BAY ST LOUIS Office/retail space, 650 sq ft. All electric 131 Main St Unit D \$400/month \$400 deposit 255-0924

OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE AVAILABLE Choclaw Village, Waveland Ms Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 228-883-8554

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE for rent in Kila area \$350 per month 725 square feet Call 255-1133

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE 900 SQ. FT. 640 Hwy 90 Waveland \$575 per month Call Herb 467-0214. Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty

159 Houses For Sale

4 BR 2 BA HOME ON 25.69 Acres in North Hancock County Cleared, fenced small pond secluded on private road Reduced to \$139,500 228-255-6039

25 ESPLANADE AVE 3BR/2BA kitchen equipped dbl garage fenced yard, great Oaks, walk to schools, shopping Move in condition Reduced to \$125,000 offers considered 467-9844

BAY ST LOUIS, 2BR/1BA CENTRAL H.A. all elec stove Refrigerator, privacy fence water well Central Sewage 3/4 acres \$65,000 Gold Coast 467-4479 or 469-0437

HOUSE FOR SALE OLD TOWN BSL Brck. 3Br 2BA Fireplace large fenced yard, alarm system \$79,000 467-5192

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NEWLY BUILD HOME 3Br 2 Full baths, privacy fenced yard, Diamondhead 255-3481

READY TO MOVE IN 241 BAY OAKS Drive BSL 3Br 2Bath fireplace, new above ground pool Reduced walk to beach 410 & 404 West Fourth Street, Waveland 616 Old Spanish Trail 3Br 2Bath fireplace, new above ground pool and privacy fence Gold Coast 228-467-4479

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SELL BY OWNER 3BR/2BA Central H.A. Custom Built home on 2 lots 105 ft fronting on paved St New Const Hardwood porcelain floors Covered off street parking for 4 vehicles Solid Oak Cabinets Lg Front Porch \$101,500 985-649-9187 or 985-649-0826

WOW! 4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, completely remodeled \$52,900 Owner will carry 2nd mortgage Owner agent 255-0403

161 Condo Rental/Sale

CONDOMINIUM ON THE BEACH in Waveland 2Br 2 full baths View of Gulf indoor pool and sauna Perfect location \$82,000 228-452-2755

LAKEVIEW STUDIO CONDO Like new unfurnished Only \$25,000 Call Jen Baum to see Century 21 Diamondhead 255-3550 or 255-6500

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
VERSUS
MICHAEL G. BRYEN, PLAINTIFF
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, SECRETARY OF STATE, AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN LOT NO. 12 BLOCK 10, UNIT 4, PHASE 1, DIAMONDHEAD, A SUBDIVISION OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, RESPONDENTS
CASE NO. 2001-882
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Letters Testimonial having been granted on the 17th day of January, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Patricia Williams Zatarain, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from date of first publication of the notice or they will be forever barred.

THIS 17th day of January, 2002
JUDITH ZATARAIN GREER, Executor
David Michael Necaise, Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 2036
Bay St Louis MS 39521
01/20/02 01/27/02 02/03/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
VERSUS
SIEGLINDE H. ARCEAUX, PLAINTIFF
BILLY B. ARCEAUX, DEFENDANT
CASE NO. 2001-905
SUMMONS

(Serving by Publication in Residence Unknown) To: Billy B. Arceaux, whose last known address was Post Office Box 2941, Kila, MS 39546, but whose present address is unknown. You have been made a defendant in the lawsuit in this Court.

The Complainant has a pending civil action seeking damages. You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written Answer, either admitting or denying each allegation in the Complaint to the Clerk of the Court, to the Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is Post Office Drawer 300, Waveland, Mississippi 39576. Your answer must be mailed or delivered not later than thirty days after the 27th day of January, 2002, which is the date of the first publication of this summons. If your answer is not so mailed or delivered a judgment by default may be entered against you for the money or other relief demanded in the complaint.

You must also file the original of your Answer with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Witness my signature and official seal this 10th day of January, 2002.

(Seal)
Larimer Scarborough
Deputy Clerk
Timothy Kellar
Clerk of Court
01/27/02 02/03/02 02/10/02

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PATRICIA WILLIAMS ZATARAIN
NO 2002-007

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD I. TURNER, JR. DECEASED
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, COUNTY OF HANCOCK
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Cause No. 2002-12

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 10th day of January, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Harold I. Turner, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within 90 days from this date or they will be forever barred.

THIS 10th day of January, 2002
BERNICE B. JOHNSTON, Executrix
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
HANCOCK COUNTY
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Cause # 2002-15

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 10th day of January, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of KATHRYN C. TOMSON, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registration according to law within 90 days from this date or they will be forever barred.

THIS 10th day of January, 2002
ROBERT C. MICHALSKI, EXECUTOR
CLEMENS BENVENUTI
125 Court Street
P.O. Box 585
Bay St Louis MS 39520
228-467-0744
MS BAR NO. 2435
01/13/02 01/20/02 01/27/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
DONALD MARTIN AND SANDRA MARTIN PLAINTIFFS
VERSUS
ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, HARRISON COUNTY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CONO CARANNA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DAVID MESA AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN LOT 123, QUAIL RIDGE ESTATES, PHASE 2, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, RESPONDENTS
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
CASE NO. 2002-18

To: Attorney General, State of Mississippi, Harrison County, Board of Supervisors, Cono Caranna, District Attorney, David Mesa, and All persons Having or claiming a Legal or Equitable Interest in Lot 123, Quail Ridge Estates, Phase 2, A Subdivision of Hancock County, Mississippi.

NOTICE
This is a suit by Donald Martin and Sandra Martin to confirm their title in that certain property described above, and as more fully set out in the Complaint for Confirmation of Title which is on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi in the above case number. If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this property, you are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Confirm Title within thirty (30) days from the 20th day of January, 2002, which is the date of first publication of this summons, to the attorney for the Plaintiffs, Kelly Michael Rayburn, Esq., whose address is Post Office Box 2566, Gulfport, Mississippi 39505.

OTHERWISE, IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A RESPONSE A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk of this Court is P.O. Box 429, Bay St Louis, Mississippi 39521.

Seal
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Larimer Scarborough
Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BESSIE MONROE JONTE, DECEASED
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. 2002-30

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 15th day of Jan., 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Bessie Monroe Jonte, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date or they will be forever barred.

THIS 15th day of Jan., 2002
ARMAND G. JONTE
01/20/02 01/27/02 02/03/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD J. ROTH, DECEASED
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. 2002-39

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 15th day of Jan., 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Richard J. Roth, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date or they will be forever barred.

THIS 15th day of Jan., 2002
YVONNE ROTH GELPI
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m., February 20, 2002, and shortly thereafter publicly opened for providing the following:

ONE (1) NEW 35 TON SELF-LIFTING NON-GROUND BEARING DETACHABLE LOWBOY EQUIPPED AS ADVERTISED BY THE MANUFACTURER FOR THE HANCOCK COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT.

Bid specifications are available upon request from the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 or by calling 467-0172.

All envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED" and state the item bid on and the bid opening date.

All envelopes must be stamped filed in the Hancock County Chancery Clerk's Office before 11:00 a.m. on the day of the bid opening.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this the 3rd day of December, 2001.

(Seal)
Timothy A. Kellar, Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Terry E. Guenard, D.C.
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF TIMBER FOR SALE ON MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES LAND

SEALED bids will be received by the Department of Marine Resources, Box 155 up to and not later than 1:00 p.m., February 4, 2002. Bids will be for the purchase of all pine and hardwood for sale on approximately 40 acres marked for thinning and 20 acres designated for total harvest. BIDS MUST BE ON A LUMP SUM BASIS. For additional information concerning the submission of bids and contract terms, contact Shawn Roberts, Jackson County Forester, Gautier, MS at (228) 497-1790 or Jim Barnes, Area Forester, 1528 South Azalea Drive, Highway 49, South Wiggins, MS at (601) 928-5261.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
By order of the Waveland, Mississippi Board of Mayor and Aldermen, at their regular meeting of September 19, 2001, a Public Hearing has been ordered for February 20, 2002, 6:30 p.m., at the Waveland City Hall Annex, 307 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, Mississippi, to consider declaring the following property a menace in accordance with the regulations of Waveland Ordinance 192.

Pl. 9-B (Homestead) Robert's Subdivision Parcel 2162K 0-10-125-000, located at 414 Robert Street, Waveland, Mississippi, said to be owned by Mr. Alton J. Shetter, Esq., whose last known address was 411 Robert Street, Waveland, MS 39575.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
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BID ADVERTISEMENT
Sealed bids will be received by the Hancock County School Board in the office of the Superintendent, 1700 Highway 63, Kila, MS 39555, until Wednesday, February 6, 2002, at 2:00 P.M. for the following:

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Mike Ladner
Superintendent of Education
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RFP 02-08
Procurement of Utility Management Software and Hardware

The Diamondhead Water and Sewer District is soliciting bids for the procurement of computer software, computer hardware and hand-held water meter reading computers. The integrated system will be used for the following:

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Bids will be received at the following location until 10:00 A.M. local time, Thursday, March 1, 2002. Copies of the Request for Proposal (RFP) 02-08 are available at the District Office.

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LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
YEAR-ROUND WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT YOUTH PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES FOR THE GULF COAST WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA SIX

(George Hancock, Harrison, Jackson and Stone Counties). The Gulf Coast Workforce Investment Board, through its youth council, is soliciting proposals through a REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS for the provision of youth services to eligible workforce investment act of 1998 (WIA) youth, ages 14 through 21, reading in the Gulf Coast Workforce Investment area for program year 2002 (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003). This solicitation is conducted pursuant to the requirements and conditions of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-220), the final rule implementing the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 at 20 CFR parts 852, the Gulf Coast Strategic Plan and the applicable regulations and policies of the State of Mississippi, Mississippi Development Authority, Employment Training Division. It is the intent of the youth council to procure programs which help youth facing serious barriers to employment gain the academic and employability skills necessary to remain in school, return to school or enter employment. Programs contracted for as a result of this RFP will provide an improved youth program linked more closely to local labor market needs and community youth programs and services and with strong connections between academic and occupational learning. The youth council is seeking youth programs which include activities that promote youth development and citizenship, such as leadership development through voluntary community service opportunities, adult mentoring and follow up, pregnancy prevention strategies and targeted opportunities for youth living in high poverty areas. Proposals for innovative activities or programs consistent with WIA rules and regulations are encouraged and will be given priority consideration. Proposers may seek to serve in school youth as well as out-of-school youth or may focus on just one of the two populations.

This solicitation is to obtain service providers for year-round programs including summer programs for the Workforce Investment Act program year 2002 and beyond. Service providers are being sought offering activities that produce quality results and have a measurable impact on in-school youth ages 14-18 and on out-of-school youth ages 16-21. Targeted activities include tutoring, study skills training and dropout prevention activities. Interested parties wishing to provide youth services may obtain a complete RFP by contacting Libby Roland or Jerry Padgett at (228)897-1881. Copies of these request for proposals cannot be sent by facsimile or e-mailed.

All proposals must be on file with Gulf Coast Business Services Corporation on or prior to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 28, 2002. Questions may be directed to Libby Roland or Jerry Padgett at (228)897-1881. This announcement does not constitute an obligation by the Gulf Coast Workforce Investment Board to fund any proposal nor does this announcement contain all the necessary instructions and specifications to comply with the RFP. The Gulf Coast Workforce Investment Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals to waive any irregularities and to revise, amend and/or revoke this solicitation based on the Federal Regulations implementing the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and reserves the right to negotiate with any proposer.

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on the 17th day of August, 2001, Anthony Joseph Bourgeois and Chantel Bourgeois executed a certain deed of trust to Harry R. Allen, Trustee, for the benefit of Harrison Finance Co., which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Land Trust Deed Book 649, page 445 and

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of December, 2001, Harrison Finance Co., substituted Byron J. Stockstill as Trustee in and for the above described Deed of Trust and the indebtedness secured thereby in lieu and in place of Harry R. Allen and any other successor Trustee, as recorded in said Chancery Clerk's Office in Land Trust Deed Book 669, page 266 and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due, and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Harrison Finance Co., having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attorney's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Byron J. Stockstill, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on the 29th day of January, 2002, offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the East Front Door of the County Courthouse in the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property lying and being situate in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 22, Deer Park Subdivision, Phase II, according to the official plat of said subdivision on file in Plat Book 8, pages 28-28, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS my signature on this, the 2nd day of January, 2002
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P.O. Drawer 1076
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The Sea Coast Echo

Sunday, January 27, 2002

Jacqueline Kennedy: The beginnings of tradition

By **FRANCINE PARNES**
For AP Special Edition

It was not only the wedding of the century, but one of the most talked-about fairy-tale ceremonies of all time. Both trend- and tradition-setting, it was publicized around the globe.

No, the front-page bride wasn't Jacqueline Bouvier, Lady Diana Spencer, or Grace Kelly.

When the Britain's Queen Victoria married

handsome Prince Albert in 1840, she was all three of those unforgettable women rolled into one, with immense power besides, says Letitia Baldrige, author of "Legendary Brides" (HarperCollins, \$50 hardcover).

As progenitor of the white wedding gown, "Queen Victoria was a fashion trendsetter," says Baldrige, whose book pays tribute to the most memorable society weddings of the past two centuries.

"She loved when people talked about her clothes and activities, so she very carefully planned her wedding, probably realizing it would influence the world of fashion at the time."

Be it white dresses or the White House, Baldrige knows the territory. As social secretary in the Kennedy administration, she organized many of the best parties of the Camelot era. A leading etiquette expert, she served as advisor to four subsequent First Ladies and has written 17 books.

Before Victoria's wedding, a bride typically skipped the fuss and married in her "best dress," in a

fashionable color. For a middle-class woman, the dress represented a large investment, worn for years, says Baldrige. Lower-class women in Victorian England spiffed up their work clothes for a walk down the aisle.

The upper-class bride typically owned three or four "best dresses," a courtier, many more.

For the bride who could spring for the luxury, the gown was trimmed with the finest of brocades, ribbons, laces, embroidery, even jewels.

"One sees it on brides in all the paintings down through the ages," says Baldrige, referring to

French courtier scenes and paintings by Rembrandt, Hans Holbein, and those of the Italian Renaissance.

When Victoria chose a white wedding gown, in lace and trimmed with delicate orange blossom, she became the first royal bride to bypass the tradition of wearing a heavy brocade gown under a velvet and fur cloak.

"She obviously was affected by the symbolism of white, the color of purity and sanctity," says Baldrige. "Her all-white wedding made the rounds of the world through the newspapers throughout the Empire, reports from international travelers, and the gossipy letters that carried her wedding news to every civilized country. Young women obviously said to themselves, as they have since the beginning of time, 'If she can do that, I can, too.'"

Even before the electronic age, bridal style carried such mystique that word easily spread. "People were as interested in Queen Victoria's clothes when she was young as they were in Jacqueline Onassis's," says Baldrige.

"Today, people transmit fashion trends on the TV and Internet; Queen Victoria had the whole British Navy plus the newspapers carrying her fashion news around the world."

The Victorian bridal gown, with its close-fitting bodice and full skirt and train, remains a classic to this day.

The 1996 wedding of John F. Kennedy Jr. and Carolyn Bessette, by contrast, ushered in an era of low-keyed simplicity, says Baldrige.

A private-island setting became a preferred place for society weddings, and brides-to-be passed up beaded, bouffant wedding gowns in favor of understated slip dresses.

"Carolyn Bessette's dress was fashion news because it was the opposite of the full-skirted fairy princess kind

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About our cover



Spring bride Stacie Hensley of Gulfport, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David O. Hensley, models a strapless, fitted gown of crystal organza over satin in asymmetrical styling with a lace-up back. The gown was accented with rocaille beads and clear sequins. She wore a tiara and fingertip veil of illusion. Stacie's ensemble is from Bridalaire in Bay St. Louis. Stacie's spring bouquet was compliments of Ruby Begonia Flowers & Gifts of Waveland. Her hair and makeup were provided by Shannon Sherick of Chuck Kelly Salon, Gulfport. Palace in the Pass made a perfect background for Heather Renee of Pass Christian. Stacie is the bride-elect of Andrew Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harris of Bay St. Louis.

It is possible to survive planning the wedding

By The Associated Press

In that first moment of just-engaged bliss, you and your future mate probably weren't thinking about what's coming between you and the wedding day.

Lots.

Get ready for the phone calls, Internet logons, comparison shopping, watching out for scams, negotiating, budgeting, figuring out who will pay for what, dealing with competing relatives (including those on your side of the family), deciding on who's invited and who will be in the wedding party, where the wedding and reception will take place, what the gown will look like, what will be included in the ceremony, what everyone will eat and drink at the reception, and on and on.

Not only that, you two have to agree on these things and keep relatively stress-free so you, the bride, will still be blushing, and you, the groom, will still be confident.

Maybe you should just elope.

"Many couples bring preconceived notions of what their wedding day should look like," said Dr. Paul Ciborowski, professor of counseling and psychology at C.W. Post University in Brookville, N.Y.

"The reality of the cost and the need to accept the desires of their partner more often than not forces significant changes in the game plan."

Not to mention the desires of all those relatives. Ciborowski advises couples to present a united front when dealing with



suggestions or demands from the families. Decide what you as a couple want to do. Then the bride should explain the decision to her family, and the groom to his.

The cost and who pays are among the biggest decisions to make.

Ciborowski advises couples to define who pays for what as one of their first decisions. The money issues should be settled and clearly understood before any down payments are made or contracts signed. That will prevent misunderstandings that could balloon into real problems later.

"The average wedding today costs about \$20,000," said Dr. Angela Thompson, sociology instructor at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

That means making and sticking with a budget are more important than ever. "By knowing how much you are willing to spend you are less likely to be talked into purchasing what you can't

afford, don't want, or don't need," said Thompson, who specializes in the wedding industry and is writing a book about becoming a wedding consultant. "Then, you must be very strict with your budget and really stick to it."

The budget is also a good way to avoid being scammed, she added. In Thompson's book, "Unveiled: Secrets of the Wedding Industry" (Alegna Publishing, \$10.95 paperback), she also recommends

setting timetables for getting things done and establishing the worthiness of vendors by finding out if

they are Better Business Bureau members, checking

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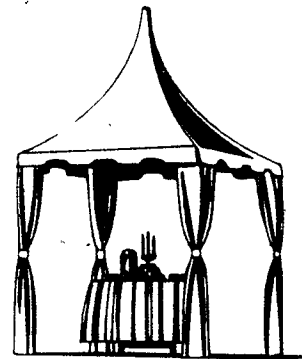
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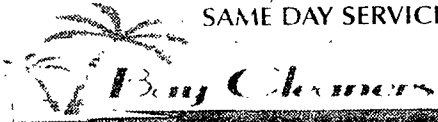
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As much though as money should go into the process of choosing the bride's perfect gown

By The Associated Press

Though the silhouettes have simplified, today's wedding gowns are still lav-

ish in terms of fabrics and details.

And these cuts are showing off more of the bride herself, with sleeveless,

bare-armed, strapless and occasionally even bare-backed styles.

One of the most popular choices is a dress with a camisole bodice and tiny spaghetti straps, most often part of a slim columnar silhouette or with an only moderately flared skirt.

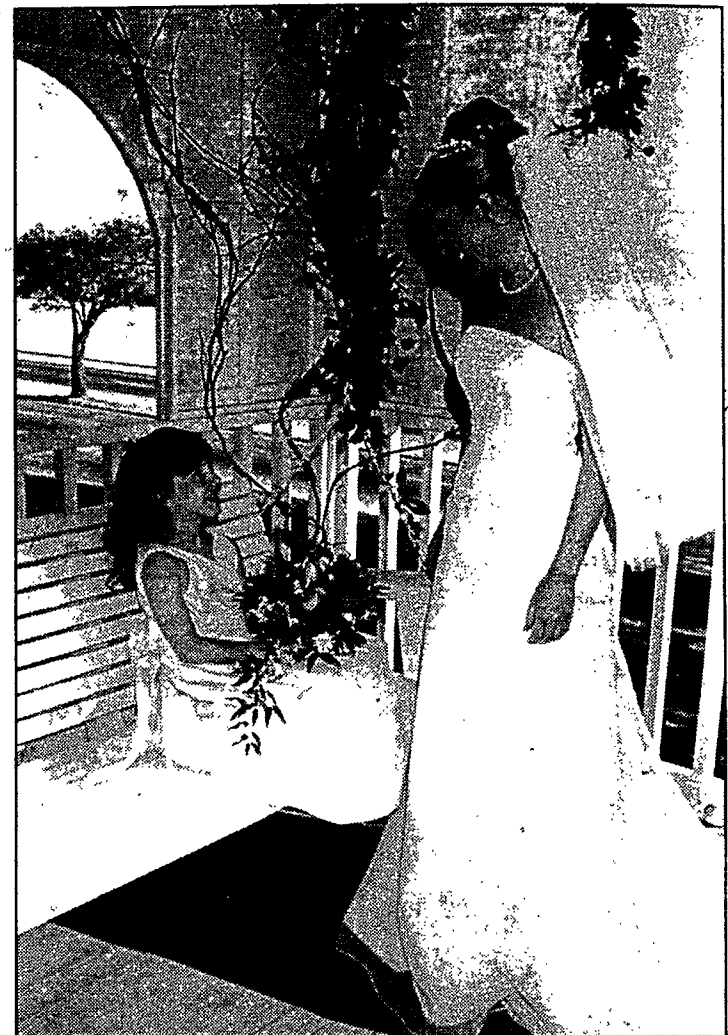
An example is Amsale's silk organza faille gown with fitted dropped waist bodice, which has a touch of rich chantilly lace appliqued above the waistline, over a deep pleated skirt with asymmetric front box pleat (\$3,300). The lace appears again at the scalloped hem and is repeated as an applique on a sheer veil.

Even with more coverage, the designer preserves the bare look:

A translucent dress has a floral crystal beaded stretch tulle bodice with sleeves, just skimming the shoulders over a strapless top, with a full skirt of silk gazar with tulle overlay (\$3,900).

Carmela Sutura integrates period looks into her sleeveless or strapless gowns. One of them is a strapless gown with flared silk duchess skirt, beaded organza overlay top and mitered cummerbund suggesting the Edwardian era (\$3,100).

Elegance from the 1930s is recalled in a column dress featuring a silk jacquard skirt with buttons down the side, with a soft draped empire double chif-



Our beautiful bride Stacie is accompanied by Miss Delery Mann, who is modeling a dress from Picture Perfect, available at The Kid Company in Bay St. Louis. Miss Delery is the daughter of Baxter and Anne Mann of Bay St. Louis.

fon bodice (\$800). An all-silk gown with an 18th century-style scalloped overskirt and bodice with lace inserted at center has jeweled trim on straps and bodice (\$3,200).

From David's Bridal comes a satin A-line dress

with bib top covered in corded lace (\$499), designed by Michaelangelo; the corded lace is repeated in the train, which appears as an inset pleat.

Also for David's is Oleg Cassini's glamorous dress with corseted bodice detailed in Alencon lace and appliques (\$549 sizes 2-20 and \$599 in sizes 22-26); it has spaghetti straps and a frothy tulle full skirt.

And for absolute simplicity, there's a Lady Eleanor design of a satin strapless sheath with train, with a single jeweled band at the empire waist (\$349).

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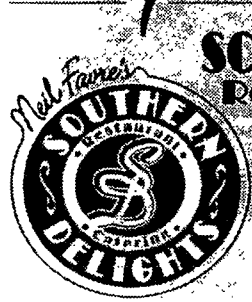
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A perfect wedding begins with proper planning

When it comes to their wedding, the bride and groom want everything to be perfect. From the ceremony to the reception, they consider all the details, and while this makes for a beautiful wedding day, it also causes months, and maybe even years, of stress.

The best way for a couple to remain calm while planning the big day is to get organized. By making a list of things they need to do, they can allot time in their schedules for each task—and they can feel a sense of accomplishment and relief each time they cross something off the list.

This basic checklist can get them started on their way to a beautiful wedding day.

• **Set the date**—As soon as possible after getting engaged, the couple should select a wedding date and decide on the type of wed-



ding they would like to have.

From a traditional ceremony in a church to a surprise wedding, where guests are invited to a "party" that turns out to be a wedding, couples are personalizing the event and planning weddings that reflect their lifestyles and interests.

• **Reserve a location**—The couple should reserve the church or location of the ceremony soon after setting the date to ensure they can get married on the day they want.

Then, they need to reserve a reception location. Party houses and halls specialize in party business and feature catering directors who will assist a couple in planning their dream wedding.

Hotel receptions are becoming increasingly popular, and hotels also have catering directors on staff. Independent caterers are a good choice for home weddings or garden receptions.

• **Select a photographer**—Every photographer has a different style and a different way of covering weddings. The couple should choose one who will accommodate their wishes, like taking the types and number of shots they want, attending both the ceremony and reception, and offer-

ing the album design they would like.

The most important quality of a photographer is his or her personality. The couple will be spending an entire day with this person, so they should choose someone who will make them feel comfortable.

• **Book reception entertainment**—The couple should select a disc jockey or band that will cater to everyone at the reception—both the younger and older generations. The musical selections should be diverse, and requests from the guests should be taken.

• **Arrange wedding transportation**—Whether it's a Rolls Royce, stretch limo, horse and buggy, or doubledecker bus, the couple should plan for transportation to and from the ceremony and to the reception for themselves and their attendants. They should make reservations early, especially if they want a white car.

• **Order dresses**—Shopping for a wedding dress, headpiece and bridesmaid dresses is one of the most fun parts of the planning for the future bride.

She should choose a wedding dress that reflects her style and personality—and makes her look beautiful. When considering dresses

for her attendants, the bride-to-be should opt for a style that complements her dress, as well as the girls in her party.

• **Choose a florist**—Flowers can add an elegant touch to the wedding day, and every florist has a

unique style. The couple should select one whose arrangements they like and who offers them helpful, creative ideas about bouquets, corsages and centerpieces.

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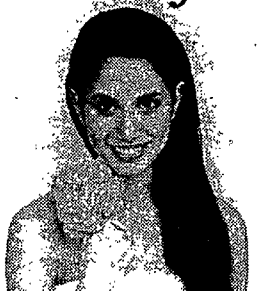
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Creative planning can lead to adventurous weddings

Growing up, many people envision the wedding of their dreams. After years of dreaming, when people finally get to plan their own wedding, they want every aspect of the day to be perfect.

The majority of couples

marry in a place of worship, a hotel or a catering hall; however, some are starting to become a little more adventuresome when planning their weddings.

Since this will be one of the most important days in their lives, they want it to

be exactly the way they always dreamed it would be.

As people have started to look for unique places to get married, new and creative sites to hold nuptials are turning up each day.

For those who have always dreamed of exchanging vows in the theme park, like Walt Disney World, the opportunity is now available.

Many theme parks offer wedding packages, complete with a staff member who works exclusively on planning the wedding of people's dreams. Some couples choose to spend their honeymoon partying with the friends and family members who attended the wedding—hotel accommodations are available.

Sports enthusiasts are considering sports arenas and stadiums as spots for their nuptials. Whether it be between periods at a hockey game, on an empty

baseball diamond or during half-time at a football game, many couples choose to go this route.

Those interested can call up individual stadiums to see if this type of wedding is possible.

Resorts like those in the Caribbean, Hawaii, the Poconos and Europe offer all-inclusive packages for the wedding and honeymoon.

A popular choice for couples is to marry, shoeless, on the beach, often in bathing suits. They will have to bring their own clothes, but the resort wedding planner will take care of all the details.

People who are interested can contact the resort, itself, or the local tourism board to find out information on required blood tests and licensing information.

Some people choose to be married on the ground in a hot-air balloon. Once they say "I do," they fly away in

the balloon as their guests wish them well.

Trolley cars and trains quickly are becoming a popular spot for ceremonies to take place, as are museums, parks and cruise boats. Another popular idea is that people are incorporating their mutual hobbies into the ceremony.

For example, a couple who are both avid sub divers found a judge who would marry them underwater. It may seem strange, but they did indeed have the wedding of their dreams.

Whatever way couples choose to celebrate their upcoming nuptials, they should remember the most important people to think about when planning the wedding are themselves.

Ideally, a wedding is a once-in-a-lifetime event; people should do their best to make it everything they always dreamed it would be.

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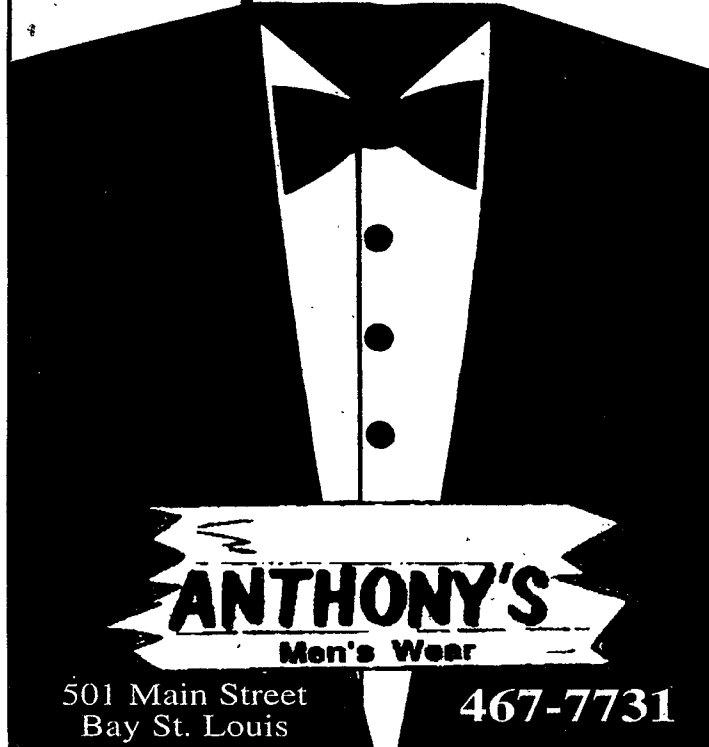
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An ounce of prevention against wedding-day mishaps

You can spend an entire year planning your wedding day down to the letter, but unless you have a fairy godmother, there's no way to guarantee that the day will be perfect. According to *Bride's* magazine, a little preparation goes a long way towards ensuring that wedding day mishaps don't get out of hand.

If you organize an "emergency kit," and keep it stashed nearby at the ceremony and the reception, coping with certain last-

minute dilemmas will be a breeze.

Bride's suggests you start with a pretty basket, decorated to match your wedding theme, then include the following:

- * Needle, thread, buttons and safety pins
- * Spot remover
- * Extra lipstick, powder, blusher, eyeshadow, fragrance
- * Comb, brush, and hair-spray or gel
- * Tissues and cotton balls

- * Personal care items
- * Pen and note paper
- * Telephone numbers for your caterer, clergyman, organist, photographer, florist, bandleader, car service and each member of the wedding party

- * Extra stockings for you and your wedding party
- * Nail polish-color, to match your fingernails, and clear, to keep stocking runs from spreading

- * Extra pairs of glasses or contact lenses

- * Aspirin, adhesive bandages, allergy pills and any prescription medicines you or your groom might need

- * Extra copies of all passages that are being read during the ceremony.

Keep in mind the most important ingredients of all: patience and a sense of humor. They'll turn any mishap "mountains" back into molehills.

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So, you need to buy the perfect wedding gift

By The Associated Press

Registries have many answers, but often you need, or want, to make an independent decision for a wedding gift. Some suggestions to get you started:

— An eye-catching, elegant choice might be the Rothschild Bird Tureen (\$1,278 for the 4-quart size; \$957 for the 2-quart) from the Hungarian porcelain maker, Herend.

The hand-painted piece features 12 different 19th century motifs, each representing a Hungarian legend about Baroness Rothschild, who lost her pearl necklace in her Vienna garden, found later when the gardener noticed it being played with by birds in a tree.

The pattern features birds and butterflies, with three-dimensional rosettes and a bird or branch as the lid finial.

— It's a design influenced by the splendor of Harlech Castle in Wales. First introduced in 1971 by Wedgwood under the name "Harlech," it's now called "Juliet" after Shakespeare's romantic heroine.

It features a rococo border of swirling floral motifs against a pale sage band; there's a slender line of beading and platinum edging.

A five-piece place setting is \$165. A note about Wedgwood patterns: Register your pattern choice with the company, and it will notify you if the pattern is to be discontinued.

That way, you can order to complete your set or exchange it for another pattern of equal value.

— A cheery collection of fruit and plant motifs are featured in Pfaltzgraff's "Jamberry" stoneware (\$57.25 for a five-piece place setting). Different pieces depict plums, cherries, strawberries, raspberries or blackberries, and the teapot has sculpted berries



You can buy the perfect wedding gift — If you know where to look and what you need to buy.

as its lid finial.

— Crosshaven crystal stemware from Waterford is a classic diamond cross-cut design that complements almost any china pattern choice. And the Irish crystal company never discontinues any stemware pattern, so the collection can be built affordably over time.

Each goblet, continental champagne and wine stem is \$49.50; the footed iced beverage glass is \$59.50. If the bridal couple happens to choose and register for a Waterford China pattern,

they get membership in the Waterford Society, which posts news and special buys to customers.

— You don't have to drink out of it to enjoy crystal. Bulgari offers ashtrays, frames and candleholders in its Crystal Giftware line (\$195-\$250). One example is a stemmed candleholder (\$175) in the Eccentrica pattern.

— At 6 1/2 inches tall, it could start out as a cake topper, then become a treasured bibelot in the couple's home. "Love

Everlasting" (\$90), created by artist Adrian Hughes, is from Royal Doulton's Images collection of figurines.

Sculpted in white bone china, the bride and groom figures are shown standing side by side with hands clasped.

The Scottish Luckenbooth (or locked booth, of a jeweler's shop in Edinburgh's Royal Mile) is an image showing two entwined hearts.

A brooch with this design is a traditional engagement gift to the bride-to-be; later, when the couple has its first child, the brooch is pinned to the baby's shawl for protection.

The Luckenbooth glass paperweight (\$150) by Caithness captures the imagery with the two hearts in tiny millefiori flowers against a background of red swirls, framed in a circle of the tiny

flowers.

— A 5-inch Victorian bride figure in resin (\$14) or a bride shown in a cameo frame (\$10) are among hanging ornaments with bridal themes designed by Louis Nichole for Kurt S. Adler. These have a lacy antique old-world look.

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When buying the ring, remember the 'Four Cs'

By The Associated Press

The four Cs – cut, color, clarity, and carat – are like an old song. They're familiar but worth reciting again, especially if you're about to buy that important diamond:

– Cut is the most important of these, says the Diamond

Information Center (the De Beers information arm), because the quality and design of the cut is what helps unleash the diamond's fiery sparkle.

The standard for a well-cut stone, whatever its shape, is the right proportion of its 57 or 58 facets – tiny planes cut at angles – allowing a maximum amount of light to be reflected through the diamond.

The skilled diamond cutter places each of the stone's facets and angles, which act as light-dispersing mirrors, in exact geometric relation to one another. Diamonds cut too shallow or too deep lose light through the side or

bottom.

– Color is more subjective. Are all diamonds white? Not really. All display barely perceptible tinges of color. The professionals grade stones according to their relative colorlessness. The scale begins with D grading (colorless) and move through the alphabet to Z.

Expect to pay more for D, E, and F grades, but well-cut diamonds of all color grades can have plenty of dazzle. Some rare diamonds have a strong, pure color and are called "fancies."

– Clarity is, obviously, how clear and free the stone is from naturally occurring inclusions, which can appear as tiny crystals, feathers or clouds and are called the diamond's natural birthmarks.

Most diamonds have some inclusions, but they are microscopic and can be seen only under magnification. Diamonds with fewest inclusions are grade I1 or I3. The fewer inclusions, the rarer (and more expensive) the stone.

– Carat is the weight of the diamond. A carat equals 0.2 grams or 1/142nd of an ounce. But your jeweler will refer to the stone's weight in terms of points: 100 points equal one carat; 50 points, a half-carat; and so on. Many jewelry firms and gemological organizations offer pamphlets or kits to help bridal couples select their gems.

– Diamond.com, an online organization, has a "How to Buy a Diamond" kit it calls the "Ice Box," which contains basic information about grading, a pretend ring and four pretend diamonds to try on for size, and a ring sizing guide.

Potential customers also can go online to purchase and if they wish, design their own jewelry.

The Steinmetz Group, a leading diamond group, is principal shareholder in the site. Log on to the site or call 1

(888) DIAMOND to request the complimentary kit.

– The De Beers Web site, <http://www.adiamondisforever.com>, also has information and a "Design Your Own Engagement Ring" feature.

For a booklet, "How to Buy Diamonds You'll Be Proud to Give," call 1 (800) FOREVER.

– Fortunoff has "The Book on Buying Diamonds." Call 1 (800) FORTUNOFF; Web site is <http://www.fortunoff.com>.



White Hot Trends

This year, designers and consumers are favoring platinum wedding and engagement rings with intricate embellishments. Bands are enhanced with hand-carved custom designs, filigree and inset stones. The emergence of infinity symbols suggests a new preference for spiritual signs. Romantic details like engraved interlocking initials and bands set with a couples' birthstones are also in vogue. Chunky platinum rings encrusted with diamonds continue to be popular among men, whereas women favor delicate vintage-inspired platinum creations.

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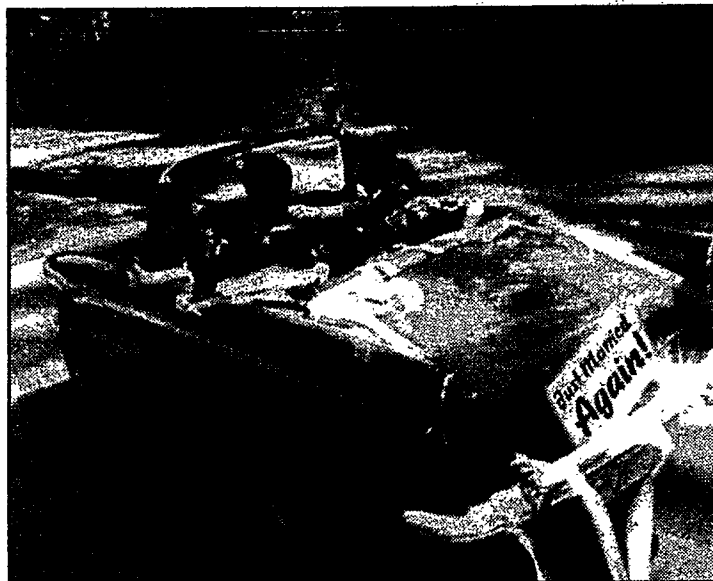
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Taking that second trip down the aisle

Here comes the bride ... the groom, and their children from the previous marriage. The fact of the matter is, close to 50 percent of all marriages today involve someone tying the knot for at least a second time. Blended families are far more commonplace than ever before and second marriages are now often treated with the same enthusiasm as the first.

While it's easy to find plenty of information available for first-time newlyweds, it can be a little trickier to find resources for couples who are heading down the aisle for another try. That's why MetLife Consumer Education Center has developed a brochure called, "Getting Remarried" as a helpful companion to their brochure for first-time newlyweds, "Getting Married." Produced in conjunction



New resources provide a wealth of information for couples ready to take a second trip down the aisle.

with the International Association of Marriage and Family counselors, those taking the plunge for a second time can learn a wealth of information about getting married, or re-married, as the case may be.

The first important issue a couple should consider before remarriage is finances. Many believe that discussing money can put a damper on romance. However, studies indicate that money-related issues

have a way of destroying marriages. Unlike first-time newlyweds, people who remarry are usually more established and bring diverse assets to the union. For a stronger, happier relationship, partners in first- and second-time marriages need to be open and honest with their assets, debts and attitudes toward money before deciding to marry.

Children are another topic of discussion that

should be addressed immediately. After the wedding, you and your new spouse may enjoy bliss, but things often do not go as smoothly for children involved in this new union — particularly if the remarriage follows a divorce. Roles, issues of authority and expectations need to be clearly and realistically discussed to help bring the new family together.

As with any first-time marriage, you may be considering a ceremony and reception to celebrate your new commitment to become husband and wife. While women who are remarrying usually do not wear as elaborate a dress as they did for their first marriage, there are still plenty of styles from which to choose. Consult bridal magazines for the options available.

Budgeting is also a major concern. More and more couples are paying for their own weddings. Discuss with your future spouse the amount you are able to spend on all of the festivities and stick to your budget. Don't forget that the little things really have a way of adding up.

Mark the day with a creative memento

Many couples remember their wedding day through photographs, videos and a guest book. The book is placed near the door and guests are encouraged to

sign their names and write a little message. But, for the creative couple you can express your individuality with clever ideas that borrow tradition from the

guest book.

Ask your friends and family to sign a mat board that you will later frame along with a photograph of yourself and your new husband. As an unconventional form of remembering your guests, the signatures can be mounted in your new home.

Have a special wedding quilt made that can be signed on one side during the reception.

If you or your husband-to-be are sports enthusiasts, consider having your guests sign a basketball, golf club bag, tennis skirt or shorts, or running wear. Have a special 12-month calendar made for the year of your wedding. Ask each family member and friend to sign on the date of their birthday.

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Honeymooning at the beach or slopes? Great packing Is key to an unforgettable getaway

With all of the last-minute details involved in planning a wedding, most couples tend to put off honeymoon packing until the very last minute. Not a good idea, according to the Fashion Design instructors at The Art Institutes.

"Pack at least one week before your honeymoon," says Laura Portolese Dias, Academic Director of Fashion Design at The Art Institute of Seattle. "That way you have a good idea of what you have or don't have, and have time to get what you need."

Speaking from recent experience, Dias was getting ready for her own fall honeymoon and realized that many summer items she planned on taking had been packed or given away. When she went shopping, fall merchandise was in full swing. "Plan ahead and consider the temperature of where you're heading. Had I planned better, I could have taken advantage of summer sales and been completely prepared," she says.

As for arriving wrinkle-free, Dias suggests packing easy fabrics. "Despite the backlash against polyester, I love the textile. It's versatile, looks great and best of all, you can cram polyester into a suitcase and it won't wrinkle."

For Laura Songer Egel, a fashion instructor with The Art Institute of Charlotte, selecting key pieces that go with others can save space and keep packing hassle-free.



Don't wait until the last minute to pack for the honeymoon. You will regret it.

Says Egel, "Whether you're packing for cold or warm weather, select neutral colors that can be matched to make more outfits, for example, one pair of slacks that match with three different blouses or jackets. Try accenting with color and patterns, especially with accessories like scarves or jewelry."

It's always a good idea to pack a carry-on, which includes all the necessary toiletries, nightclothes and fresh undergarments. "That way," says Egel, "if your luggage gets lost, you can be comfortable until your suitcase is found, or you can go shopping."

Other expert tips for a successful honeymoon include:

- Select one pair of comfortable shoes that will coordinate with at least three outfits; pick a dressier pair that will go with at least two.

- In addition to polyester, consider packing crepe or knit fabrics that won't require ironing.

- Roll your clothes instead of flat folding them; it saves on wrinkles and space.

- Don't bring a blow-dryer; it takes up valuable space and most hotels have them standard in rooms.

- Don't take expensive jewelry or other sentimental items along for the ride; you never know how secure your belongings are.

- Consider purchasing a suitcase or bag with expandable compartments because you usually don't put the same effort into packing items tightly for the trip home.

- Pack a small or medium size bag for any extra items you purchase on your trip.

- Depending on where you're going and how informal you can be, consider bringing a backpack along; they can accommodate a considerable amount and are easy to carry.

Perhaps the most important tip of all pertains to

how much clothing to bring with you in the first place. Says Dias, "On my honeymoon, I only wore half of what I brought. This left less room to buy things — enough said?"

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Lifestyle changes affect post-wedding weight

By **Bethany Waldrop Keiper**
MSU Ag
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Many newlyweds find themselves going from happy couple to heavy couple within the first few years of marriage.

Excess post-wedding pounds are as notorious as the freshman 15, and often more difficult to lose.

Pre-wedding diets may have an effect on post-wedding weight in some cases,

said Rebecca Kelly, human nutrition specialist and registered dietitian with Mississippi State University's Extension Service.

"The bride may have dieted before the wedding to look her best, but this was just for that one event and not a lifestyle change," Kelly said.

"After the wedding, she may go back to her normal eating habits and gain back some of the weight she lost.

The same is true for the groom."

The groom's switch from a bachelor's lifestyle to a new routine also can help add pounds.

"The groom may be getting better, larger meals now, and may be eating a lot to please his new wife," Kelly said. "For first-time cooks, either male or female, portion control can be a big issue. Many recipes will make four or six servings, when a couple really only needs two."

Couples can scan cookbooks, ask friends or search the Internet for two-serving recipes, low-fat recipes and heart-healthy recipes.

"It's OK to make larger servings if you plan to save some for leftovers," Kelly said.

A dish that doesn't taste "just like Mama used to make" isn't necessarily a bad thing if it is more nutritious. There are flavorful ways to prepare meals without having foods suffocated in sauce, drowned in butter or smothered in cheese.

Kelly suggested choosing reduced-fat recipes or looking for ways to cut fat out of favorites. Use herbs and spices instead of fat-filled sauces or gravies, and keep portions under control.

"A man should know that he not only takes his wife's hand in marriage, he also should take her hand in portion control," Kelly said.

"The average woman's palm is the size of 4 ounces of cooked meat, poultry or fish; her thumb is about the size of 1 ounce of cheese or meat.

Her thumb equals a tablespoon and her fingertip about a teaspoon."

Measure at first to learn what correct portion sizes look like in a bowl or plate. After a while, it is easy to serve the correct portion size without measuring.

Time management is a problem for most couples, and newlyweds are no exception, especially as they try to establish a routine. Many couples skip a trip to the kitchen entirely and eat out or grab a fast-

food meal.

"Time is especially limited when both partners work, so there is an increased tendency to eat out. Both partners working also means there is more income for visiting a restaurant or going through a fast-food drive-through window," the dietitian said. "Many convenient products are loaded with fat and salt, but with careful choices, you can control calories while dining out."

For the best results, avoid all-you-can-eat buffets, choose clear soups and tomato sauces instead of creamy ones, order sauces and dressings on the side, and eat slowly, putting your utensil down between bites.

"Ask for water as soon as you sit down in a restaurant, and choose poached, steamed, broiled, boiled or grilled items," Kelly suggested.

"If you can't resist eating most of the bread that comes before the meal, ask your server to bring it with the meal, and keep your portion control guidelines in mind."

When ordering fast foods, avoid deluxe, large or super sizes, and hold the mayonnaise, tarter sauce and salad dressing. Ask for low-fat dressings, or add

ketchup and mustard.

"If you know you'll grab a hamburger for lunch, then have a high-fiber breakfast and a light dinner," Kelly said. "Don't go overboard with the whole meal - have one higher fat item surrounded by lower-fat foods."

A lack of time can actually work in a couple's favor if they keep quick, healthy choices on hand.

"Don't keep junk food and high-fat convenience foods in the house - they make overindulging too easy," she said. Keep fruit in the house and in sight.

Wash and slice raw vegetables as soon as you bring them home from the market, so that they are ready to eat when you are."

Together, a couple can make healthy lifestyle choices a part of their new marriage.

"Make some changes in your diet choices and some changes in your exercise choices. Each one of these can work separately, but together they are a powerful tool," Kelly said.

"For exercising, pick something you both enjoy, such as walking, dancing or cycling. Be sure not to let the exercising or dieting become competitive, or one or both of you may give it up."

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New couples must decide money issues

By Bonnie Coblentz
MSU Ag
Communications

Whether to have joint or individual accounts is one of the biggest questions newly married couples face when they decide how to handle family finances.

Each couple must decide whether to pool all money and pay the bills together or divide the bills and keep incomes separate. They also must decide what to do about credit cards and debt brought into the marriage.

Jan Lukens, consumer management specialist with the Mississippi State University Extension Service's Coastal Research and Extension Center in Biloxi, said prospective couples should talk about money matters and the feelings associated with them.

"Work toward fairness that will build trust in the relationship and a respect for the other person," Lukens said. "Finances are one thing, but building up the relationship is most critical."

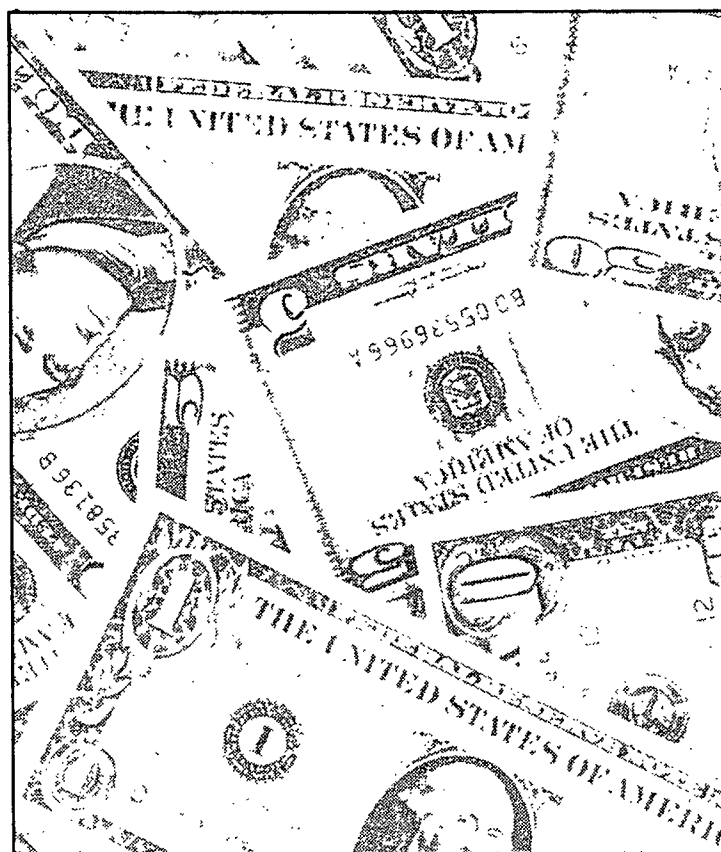
As soon as new or prospective couples have joint expenses, Lukens said they should decide whether they'll have joint or separate accounts. This decision typically depends on such factors as the couple's lifestyle, age and assets.

"The older a couple is when they get married, the more likely they are to want to keep things separated," Lukens said. "The tendency is that the longer a couple stays together, the more likely they are to have joint accounts on everything."

Couples who write a lot of checks may decide to have their own checking accounts rather than risk using two checkbooks and trying to keep one set of records.

Other couples find that one person is much better at tracking money matters and decide to let that person be responsible for most of the family finances.

"Whatever arrangement a couple decides upon, both spouses need to know the financial situation so they can take care of things if



something happened to the other," Lukens said.

Couples who keep separate accounts should carefully divide bills fairly, not necessarily equally.

"Most couples don't have equal incomes, so the burden shouldn't be split down the middle," Lukens said. "Make a list of bills and decide what is more logical for each to pay."

Lukens suggested that each individual could pay a percentage of the bills equal to their percentage of the family income. Another way is to decide how much spending money each person needs, and calculate backwards to determine how much of the bills they should cover.

Don't forget periodic expenses when making calculations.

These expenses can include such things as Christmas gifts, major auto repairs and taxes.

Couples should estimate their periodic expenses for a year, divide by 12 and then each put an appropriate amount of money into a shared account monthly to pay for these expenses as they arise.

All this planning and calculating may seem like a lot

of work, but Lukens said most of it can be done in a single planning session.

"When you set up your budget system, make sure it is something you won't have to adjust each month," Lukens said. "It should be workable and fair at the beginning, but able to be modified over time."

Those who decide to maintain a joint account usually find the burden of maintaining the budget falls on one person. These couples don't divide bills, but should protect their feelings.

"Each person has a different background and expectations of managing and spending money," Lukens said. "Talk about the way you feel about financial issues because there are more than just dollars at stake, there are personal feelings."

Couples also must decide whether to share credit card accounts or have their own.

"Each spouse needs to have a credit card in their own name, whether this is a joint or individual account, because this gives you a credit history," Lukens said.

Problems with joint credit arise if one spouse spends

excessively or the couple divorces.

"Regardless of what the judge says about who pays the credit card, the company still has the original contract that says both are obligated," Lukens said. "Each person is totally responsible for the credit limit regardless of what happens to the other person."

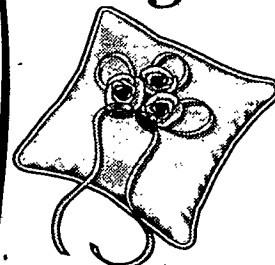
To avoid trouble, pay off balances monthly and keep low credit limits or hold only individual accounts.

Debt brought into a marriage is another potential problem. Lukens said too much consumer debt, such as that from credit cards or finance companies, can create serious financial and relationship problems.

"Spend a lot of time talking about how consumer debt is going to be handled. Understand the feelings that may go with a new spouse having to take on your debt burden," Lukens said.

"You may want to wait until some of this is paid off before marriage."

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Sober receptions can prevent problems

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A couple's wedding day can give them high spirits, but receptions that include distilled spirits can cause headaches in ways many couples may not expect.

An alcohol-free reception can ensure that a wedding is memorable for the right reasons.

"From a health standpoint, alcohol can lower both your blood sugar and your inhibitions, leading you to eat more," said Rebecca Kelly, human nutrition specialist and registered dietitian with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. "The calorie content of alcohol is very similar to the calorie content of fat, so the calorie count can really add up."

A 16-ounce cocktail of non-diet cola mixed with hard liquor can add up to almost 500 empty calories, according to Kelly's calculations from U.S. Department of Agriculture calorie count figures.

Soft drinks do have fewer calories per ounce than their harder counterparts, and juices without added sugar also are lower on the calorie scale. Most juices have the added benefits of vitamins and potassium.

Alcohol can lower self-control and inhibitions, which can be a reception disaster if too many guests hit the bar while the new couple is busy getting the last of the wedding photos taken.

"Most couples don't consider the potential liability for guests who drink too much at their reception.

This is something you need to check out in case you do decide to serve alcohol to your guests," Kelly said.

It doesn't take much alcohol to increase the risk of a car crash. After only one drink, there are observable effects, according to the National Safety Council. Visual clarity, coordination and judgement are limited after just one drink.

Weddings can be expensive, and removing alcohol from the cost list can leave couples with more cash to spend for other wedding priorities.

"Reception beverages without alcohol can still pack a punch with a little creativity. Experiment with combinations of juices, clear sodas, teas and sparkling water," Kelly said.

"There are many non-

alcoholic choices, such as sparkling cider and grape juice, hot or iced tea, coffee drinks, Italian sodas, fruit or ice cream smoothies, non-alcoholic beers and wines, and bottled or flavored water."

Add a memorable touch to alcohol-free drinks with elegant garnishes.

"Thread an orange wedge and blueberries on a frilled toothpick, or thread a small pineapple slice between fresh raspberries and mint leaves on a party pick," Kelly said. "These are a treat for the eyes as well as the tastebuds."

Give the edges of glasses a frosty appearance by moistening each rim with lemon juice or water, and then gently dipping into a plate of superfine sugar, a finely ground granulated sugar.

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Who sits where? A guide to seating wedding guests

Remember musical chairs? As the music stopped, everyone scrambled for a seat, leaving one poor soul standing. This haphazard approach won't work for a wedding, although an anxious bride may feel tempted to let chance, rather than place cards, determine where guests sit.

To help her develop the most sensible plan,

BRIDE'S Magazine offers these expert guidelines.

Seats for all. When selecting a reception site, couples should ask how many tables are available, where they are positioned, and how many guests can fit at each. Then they can reserve spaces for family and seat guests accordingly.

Place cards? Buffet-style receptions do not

require formal seat assignments, but if the reception features a served meal, a seating chart and place cards help things run smoothly. Guests' names should be written on both sides of place cards so those across the table can see and remember them once they've been introduced.

The bride's table. Often, the bridal party is seated with the best man at the bride's right, maid of honor at groom's left, then the rest of the party at their sides, alternating men and women. But other acceptable options do exist, including a cozy table for two—just the newlyweds.

Family matters. Parents, clergy members and other close relatives usually comprise a family table. A modern-day etiquette note: Divorced parents should be seated separately, each hosting their own table.

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Tradition -- some wedding advice

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of wedding gown that was traditionally worn," says Baldrige. "The white see-through long gloves were another fashion statement, and the bouquet of lily of the valley she carried was just the finishing perfect touch. Young women oohed and aahed over the new Mrs. John F. Kennedy's wedding ensemble."

But you don't have to be a Kennedy to borrow the unique flair of legendary brides, says Baldrige. While the cost of some weddings can equal a down payment on a house, a couple can have an appropriate wedding within reasonable cost.

She offers these tips:

- Shop smart for a wedding gown. "The bride buys her dress at one of the twice-a-year wedding gown sales at a bridal shop, where prices can go below cost at times, if the buyer is smart enough to dig deep enough to know when and where to buy her dress," says Baldrige.

- The wedding reception can be held in the church rectory or

hall instead of at a commercial location.



Jacqueline Kennedy was a fashion trendsetter even before she was the country's First Lady.

- A wedding meal does not have to be served, Baldrige says. "Many people have a kind of cocktail party wedding reception. The food - sandwiches, hors d'oeuvre, cookies and ice cream - can be made or purchased by a couple of close friends of the bride's family. Punch can be served, with champagne in it, if the church or synagogue will allow that much

alcohol to be served. If the church insists on its own caterer, the expenses of using it are usually nominal."

- To save on flowers, find out if another couple is getting married the same day in that location. You may be able to split the cost of the flowers and bouquets right in two, says Baldrige. Save dollars by cutting the number of blossoms and increasing the greenery.

- For wedding music, the church organist usually does not charge much for his or her services, says Baldrige. If you are going to have dancing at the reception, hire a local deejay, even a savvy one from the local high school.

- Hire only one limousine to transport the bride and her father to the church and to take the newly married couple from the church to the reception, if that will be in another place, she says. Ask good friends to chauffeur the wedding party and any out-of-town friends in their own cars.

- Get friends to do the photography. The bride's

family pays for film and prints.

Of course, if money is no object, bring on the caviar, lobster and best champagne. Such a wedding today for a movie star with 1,000 guests can run to \$500,000, says Baldrige.

A major money factor is the size of the wedding. Bigger isn't always better.

"Many people want a small intimate wedding, particularly older people and those who already have all the accoutrements for

their home and don't need wedding presents," she says.

"Many don't want the fuss of a big wedding. Many don't want the expense of it and would rather have the cash instead of a big reception."

Cutting costs is common. Even Jacqueline Kennedy could not afford a top Paris designer wedding gown and instead worked with a dressmaker to create something less lavish without breaking the bank.



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- **Decide on a bakery** - The couple should select a bakery based on the flavor of the cakes baked there and the look of previous work.

They should ask for a taste of the different types of cake offered, and they should see if the bakery will be able to create the design they want.

- **Select formal wear** - Whether it's a basic tuxedo or a top hat and tail coat, formal wear completes the look of the wedding party. The couple should select a formal-wear provider who offers the style they want, has a variety of sizes available to fit all of the men standing up, and offers a large selection of bow ties and cummerbunds or vests.

- **Order invitations** - Invitations come in many different styles, so the bride

and groom will have a number of books to look through.

They should decide on the style that best suits their wedding, based on its formality, the time of day and the wedding colors. The stationery professional can help them with this decision.

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references from previous customers, and getting advance information about payment and refund procedures, delivery and setup fees, liability service, and so on.

"Wedding planning is like putting together a puzzle," she said. "You need to see the picture on the front of the box to have an idea of

With these important decisions made, the future bride and groom only have a few things left to do, like selecting favors, writing a wedding bulletin and buying thank-you gifts for their attendants.

They're well on their way to the wedding of their dreams.

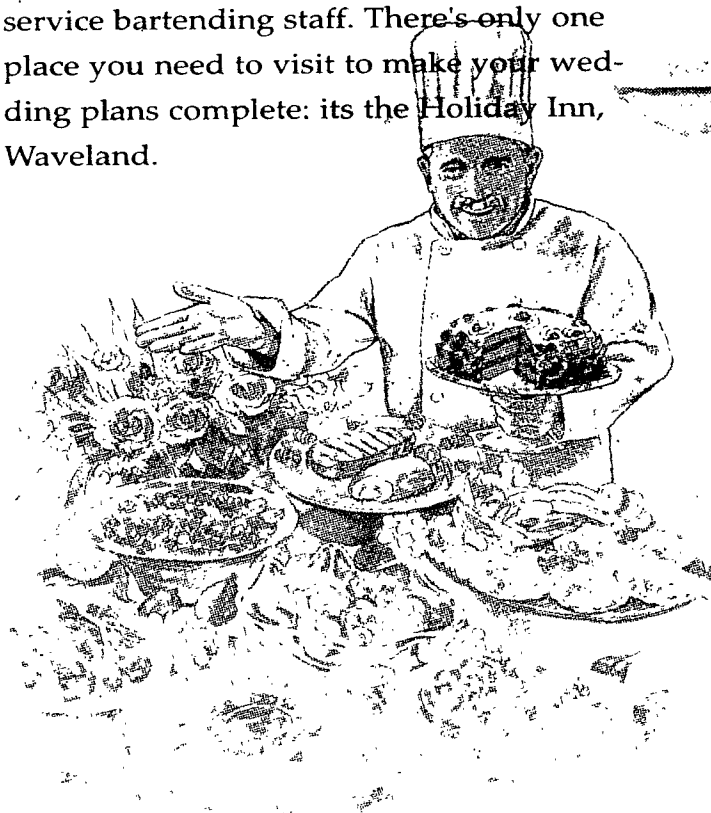
what the final project should look like.

Both experts advise not getting overwhelmed with the details. It's a day to celebrate, not a trial to endure, said Ciborowski. "It doesn't matter what you do as long as you don't discuss the wedding. This break will give you time to relax and clear your head."

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